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Star Witness



EDNA (RABBITS) MURRAY.
Harry Sawyer and William Weaver were named as associates of the Edward G. Bremer kidnapers in testimony in Federal court Thursday by Edna (Rabbits) Murray, sweetheart of Volney Davis, serving a life sentence for the abduction.

EDNA MURRAY
TELLS OF MOB
MEETINGS HERE

'Big Shots' Talked to Harry
Prior to Bremer Abduction,
She Says.

KARPIS AND BARKERS IN
ST. PAUL, SHE RELATES

A gangster's sweetheart from the Missouri state penitentiary took the stand Thursday in Federal court and definitely linked Harry Sawyer of St. Paul and William Weaver, Barker-Karpis mobster, with the kidnapers who abducted Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

She is Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as "the kissing bandit", now serving a 27-year sentence for robbery. Her testimony was given in the trial of Sawyer, Weaver and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, charged with conspiracy in the Bremer abduction.

Brought here as a star government witness from her cell in the prison at Jefferson City, she told of more than half a dozen contacts between Sawyer and members of the Barker-Karpis gang in St. Paul, as well as of Weaver's association with the mob.

Tells of Gang Habits Here.

She told, too, of the gangsters' invasion of St. Paul, and how they lived here and something of their social lives.

Of medium complexion, thin and fairly tall, she was dressed in a long coat of grey mixture with a large collar trimmed with black fur, a black hat caught up in front with a white ornament, dark dress, black silk hose and shiny black oxfords.

Apparently free from nervousness she gave her testimony in a low monotone. She answered all questions fully and without hesitation, but in tones that could scarcely be heard in the rear of the court room.

Questioned by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, she told first how she and her sweetheart, Volney Davis, now serving a life sentence in Leavenworth for the Bremer kidnaping, lived in a cottage at Long Lake, Ill., in the summer of 1933. With them there were Fred Barker, gang leader later slain by G-men in Florida, and his sweetheart, Paula Harmon, she said.

Visited by Karpis.

While they were there, she testified, their visitors included Fred's brother, Arthur, known as "Doc," also serving life in Leavenworth for the kidnaping; Alvin Karpis, mob leader still at liberty; and Weaver.

She then told how she and Volney and Fred and Paula came to Minnesota together in August, 1933, after staying at Long Lake about a month.

"After the four of you arrived here, who was the first person you saw in Minnesota that you knew?" Sullivan asked.

"Harry Sawyer," she replied. Questioned further by the prosecutor, she said:

"We saw him at his country home, about four or five miles from downtown St. Paul."

Sawyer's farm was near Rice street and Hodgson road.

"We saw him first in the afternoon and we stayed and had dinner there, about 5 or 6 o'clock," the witness continued under questioning. After dinner, the members of the party drove to Minneapolis, where they were staying.

From Minneapolis, she and Davis went to Chicago, where they saw Doc Barker. They then returned to Minneapolis, stayed there two or three weeks, and started for Reno, Nev., about November 1, 1933, she said.

Met Campbell in Reno.

She added that, while in Reno, she and Davis met the two Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, another member of the gang, and three of their sweethearts, Paula Harmon, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette.

About December 1, 1933, she and Davis once more headed for the Twin Cities and a week or so later all the "heavies" of the mob congregated in St. Paul, her testimony showed.

"Volney and I took an apartment at Lexington and Osceola avenues about December 15," she said in reply to a series of questions. "Doc Barker moved in with us about December 17. Fred and Paula took an apartment on Grand avenue. Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette went to an apartment hotel."

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She added that while here, she saw Karpis a few times and that on Christmas, 1933, she and Davis had dinner with Campbell and Wynona Burdette at the Hollyhocks, 1336 Mississippi river boulevard. Sullivan then questioned her as to the times she had seen Sawyer that month. She said she had seen him and also his wife, Gladys.

WOMAN KEPT MONEY UNDER BED, SHE AVERS

Quotes Ex-Bootlegger as Planning to Quit Bremer Kidnap Gang.

COURT RECESSES WHEN SHE NEARLY COLLAPSES

A gangster girl testified today that Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, and Fred Barker, killed by G-men's machine-gun bullets, took a grip purportedly containing the Edward G. Bremer kidnap ransom money to a hideout of the kidnap gang beside Lake Erie in June, 1934, four months after the kidnaping.

The testimony was offered by Edna (Rabbits) Murray, woman bandit convict and former companion of Volney Davis, one of the kidnap gangsters, as a government witness in the trial of Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald as kidnap conspirators. The trial is in Federal court here.

She also testified that after a quarrel between members of the gang at the hideout on Lake Erie, six months after the kidnaping, Sawyer told her he was "going to check out, and as soon as he got his dough he was leaving" the gang.

As she testified today, Mrs. Murray neared collapse on the witness stand, and asked Judge Gunnar Nordbye for a recess. This was granted. She was undergoing examination about activities of the gang in one of its hideouts, when she suddenly tottered forward, almost fell from the chair, and then said something indistinguishable to Judge Nordbye in a husky voice. Asked to repeat it, she requested the recess. After about fifteen minutes, she returned to the stand and resumed testimony.

Testifying in a colorless monotone, the so-called "kissing bandit" related in detail her life with Davis for several months after the kidnaping. She also gave accounts of various meetings of the gang after the kidnaping, in Chicago, Aurora, Ill., Toledo, Ohio, and finally at the lakeside place near Sandusky, Ohio. She told of operations performed on gang members in Toledo by Dr. Joseph Moran, Chicago physician and ex-convict. This fugitive in the Bremer case is believed to be dead. The operations were to obliterate

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fingerprints. Volney Davis, she testified, also underwent a face-changing operation.

Tells of Gladstone Bag.

Mrs. Murray testified earlier of the mysterious Gladstone bag, which she said was removed from a gang residence at Aurora, Ill., by Byron Bolton.

"Did you ever see the Gladstone bag again after it was taken from the house at Aurora?" asked George F. Sullivan, United States attorney, today.

"Yes," she replied.

Q. Where did you see it?

A. It was in my bedroom, under my bed.

Q. At this lake cottage?

A. Yes.

Q. When was it brought there?

A. Just few days before we left.

Q. Who brought it?

A. Fred Barker.

Q. Who if any one came with him?

A. Harry Sawyer, his wife, Gladys, and their little girl, Francine.

The Murray woman said she and Davis left the Weaver-Eaton cottage about June 21 and moved to Sunnyside beach, fifteen miles away. They occasionally visited the Weaver-Eaton cottage, she said.

Q. During any of these visits, did Volney (Davis) talk business with anyone?

A. Yes, about the middle of July, Karpis was there, and Fred Barker, and Sawyer sat on a bench a few feet away.

Tells of Conversation.

Q. Did Harry (Sawyer) say anything?

A. Yes, he told Volney not to talk so loud. Fred and Volney were having an argument over what Volney was supposed to have said to "Ma" Barker over a split of the money.

Q. What did Sawyer say?

A. He told Volney not to talk so loud. Volney said, "If you don't like what I say get out of ear distance." After that Sawyer went in to the house.

Q. Was there any more talk about money at any other time?

A. Well, not among themselves.

Q. Did you talk with anyone about money?

A. Yes.

Q. With whom did you talk about money?

A. To Harry Sawyer. It was on a Sunday about the middle of July. We were in Weaver's back yard. There was no one else there. Sawyer talked about the way the boys were quarreling among themselves. He said he was going to check out and as soon as he got his dough he was leaving.

Went to Montana.

Mrs. Murray then said Karpis went to the cottage she and Davis occupied, a short time later, and brought a package of money. This money, she said, was in \$5 and \$10 bills and was "a lot" but she declined to estimate how much. After that, she said, she and Davis left the neighborhood of the gang hangout and went to Montana. She did not see any more of the others, she said.

"Ma" Barker, whom she referred to, was Kate Barker, mother of

Fred and Arthur (Doc) Barker. "Ma" and Fred were slain by Federal agents who surrounded them in a house at Oklawaha, Fla., while seeking them for the kidnaping. "Ma" Barker died with a machine gun in her hands, fighting the Federal agents.

Before her testimony regarding the bag of money, Mrs. Murray said that Sawyer visited the lake resort several times, each time in company with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. Mrs. Sawyer came there only once, she said.

Names Three Other Women.

Others whom she saw at the lake place included Fred Barker's companion, Paula Harmon; Wynona Burdette, companion of Harry Campbell, and Dolores Delaney, companion of Karpis. Karpis and Campbell are both fugitives on the kidnap and other charges. The Delaney and Burdette women, both here to testify in the trial, were captured in Atlantic City when Karpis and Campbell shot their way out of a police trap. They are serving sentences for harboring the desperadoes.

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At the cottage on Lake Erie, Mrs. Murray testified, she and Davis lived with Weaver, who is alleged to be one of the actual abductors of Bremer, and Myrtle Eaton of St. Paul.

Before going to the lake place, she said, Davis and she lived in an apartment at Collingwood and Cherry streets in Toledo. She stayed at home during the month they were there, she said, caring for Davis, who was "sick."

Tells of Mutilation Operation.

Asked the nature of his illness, she described the operation he underwent for mutilation of his fingerprints and also for changing his features. At the trial of gang members last year witnesses told how these operations were performed by Dr. Moran at an apartment in Toledo occupied by Campbell and the Burdette woman. Davis and Fred and Arthur (Doc) Barker all were operated on.

Mrs. Murray told of events at the time she was living with Volney Davis under the names of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hanson at 415 Fox street, Aurora, Ill., and subsequently in Tulsa, Toledo and at Point Place on Lake Erie near Toledo.

While at the Aurora address, she testified, Byron Bolton, Doc Barker and Weaver visited them in February, 1934, the month in which Bremer was freed after 22 days' imprisonment.

Bolton pleaded guilty and has not been sentenced. He was the government's star witness in the first trial. Doc Barker was convicted and sentenced to life.

Tells of Money Bag.

Asked by Sullivan what happened when Bolton called, Mrs. Murray said:

"Volney Davis and Elmer Farmer were in the house when he came. They went into the bedroom for a few minutes and Bolton left with a grip of money. It was a gladstone bag." Farmer pleaded guilty after the government put in its evidence in the first trial and was sentenced to twenty years.

On direct examination, the "kissing bandit" told how she and Davis went to the home of Campbell and Karpis.

When she was at the home of Campbell, Mrs. Murray testified, Doc Barker, Dr. Moran, Jimmy Wilson and the Burdette woman were there. Wilson was convicted in the first trial.

"How long did you remain at this house of Campbell's on Point Place?" Sullivan asked.

"Volney and I left that night. We went to the Jarvis apartments where Alvin Karpis lived."

Mrs. Murray identified a photograph of the Delaney woman, companion of Karpis, as one of the occupants of his apartment at that time. Miss Delaney, brought to St. Paul from a detention home in Michigan, where she is serving a term for harboring Karpis, is expected to be called as a government witness late today.

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Sticks To Accusation Linking Sawyer, Mob

Although three defense attorneys fired question after question at Edna (Rabbits) Murray this afternoon, they failed to shake her earlier story that Harry Sawyer participated in the split of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom.

She was subjected to a pounding cross-examination, during which there was some indication of the nature of the defense of William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, who with Sawyer and Cassius McDonald is on trial on kidnap conspiracy charges.

A. Jerome Hoffmann, attorney for Weaver, who has been linked with Barker-Karpis gang movements, asked her:

"Didn't Weaver tell you the reason he moved was that he wanted to get away from the others?"

"Yes."

"You never saw Weaver get any of the money?" Hoffmann asked.

"No."

Discussed "Split."

Earlier today, however, she testified that after she had seen Fred Barker (slain by G-men in Florida), Volney Davis, her boy-friend who is now serving a life term, and Sawyer, talking about a split of the money, Davis came to her and had "a whole lot of money in packages of fives and tens. It was a whole lot."

Robert V. Rensch, attorney for the defense, read to her a story published in The Daily News on May 7, 1935, after charges of kidnaping had been dropped against her. In that story, under her own signature, Mrs. Murray said that "I can truthfully say that Volney Davis is as innocent of the crime he is charged with as I am. Davis is a gambler and not a kidnaper."

Later, however, Davis proved himself a kidnaper by his own admission.

Would Protect Him.

Her answer to this story was that "I was just trying to protect Volney." Every time the question was brought up, it was the same reply.

"I was just trying to protect Volney."

U. S. District Atty. George F. Sullivan brought out the same point again on re-direct examination and asked her, "Did you hear about Volney Davis after May 7, 1935?"

"No sir," she said.

"Do you know that he has been apprehended?"

"I found that out after I got to Missouri," she said, her voice just a husky whisper.

"Did you know what happened to Volney Davis after he was arrested?" Mr. Sullivan inquired.

"He pleaded guilty." Her head dropped.

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TESTIFIES VOLNEY DISPLAYED RANSOM IN COTTAGE THERE

Admission that her sweetheart, Volney Davis, told her he carried Edward G. Bremer ransom money in a black Gladstone bag displayed in a cottage at Sandusky, Ohio, was made by Edna (Rabbits) Murray, the blond "kissing bandit," just before she completed testimony as a government witness this afternoon in the trial of three Bremer kidnap defendants.

Mrs. Murray, freed as a conspirator in the first Bremer trial, occupied the stand yesterday afternoon, the entire forenoon today and for a half hour this afternoon. In her testimony she linked Harry Sawyer and William Weaver with the Barker-Karpis gang, to which the kidnaping is charged by the prosecution. The third defendant is Cassius McDonald, alleged "money changer."

On cross-examination by L. L. Drill, counsel for Sawyer, Mrs. Murray was asked whether Davis ever told her what kind of money was in a bag she saw at the home of Weaver in Ohio.

"Volney told me it was ransom money," she replied.

Asked what kind of ransom money, she merely said "Bremer."

Mrs. Murray, who is serving a term in Missouri prison for robbery, on cross-examination by A. Jerome Hoffman, counsel for Weaver, admitted she never saw Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive physician, at the Weaver cottage. Dr. Moran is under indictment as a conspirator in the Bremer kidnaping and reports persist he was drowned in Lake Erie by members of his own gang.

Several witnesses testified he performed face-lifting and finger-print-mutilation operations on a number of members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

"You never saw Alvin Karpis, Doc Barker or Freddie Barker give to Weaver any amount of money out of any black bag, did you?" Hoffman asked on cross-examination.

"No," Mrs. Murray replied emphatically.

government witnesses. The prosecution plans to call them as witnesses against McDonald, who is accused of exchanging \$104,000 of the ransom money in Havana.

Frank J. Burkell, Aurora, Ill., property owner, was the next government witness. He pointed out Weaver as a man who represented himself as "W. J. Thornton" when he rented a room in the Illinois City March 18, 1934. He identified a photograph of Myrtle Eaton, who was captured with Weaver on a Florida chicken ranch September 1, 1935, as the woman who accompanied Weaver when arrangements were made for rental of the place. Burkell, on direct examination by District Attorney Sullivan, testified he saw Mrs. Murray at Aurora.

He said the "Thornton couple" lived at his property from February 11, 1934 to April 29, 1934.

Five Negroes, all hotel employees in Miami, arrived this afternoon as

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Edna Murray Bombshell Story Blasts Smiles From Faces Of 3 Defendants

After testifying that Harry Sawyer, one-time St. Paul underworld kingpin, participated in division of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer ransom money, Edna (Rabbits) Murray, another of gangland's "prison widows," broke down on the witness stand today.

Smiles that have wreathed the pudgy face of Sawyer during the earlier days of the trial of himself, Cassius McDonald and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver on charges of kidnaping conspiracy, vanished as Mrs. Murray calmly recited a dramatic story of Barker-Karpis mobster activities.

His Smile Fades



Smiles of confidence faded from the face of HARRY SAWYER, once overlord of St. Paul's underworld, as he heard Edna (Rabbits) Murray, gangland "penitentiary widow," testify in federal court today that he walked into a Toledo hangout of the Barker-Karpis gang with Fred Barker, now dead, and that Barker carried a Gladstone bag containing Bremer ransom money.

Just as she reached a high point in her testimony, Mrs. Murray, suffering from an incurable disease, began to gasp.

A recess was quickly called, and she was taken from the stand and into the marshal's office. A glass of water and a short rest revived her, and she took the stand again to tell her bombshell story.

Shows Strain

Although the strain of nearly four hours on the stand showed on her face, Mrs. Murray testified that:

Sawyer was at Toledo with Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and other mobsters and molls when the money was split.

Sawyer once attempted to break up an argument between Volney and Fred Barker (since slain by G-men in Florida) and was told by Davis "If you don't like the way I talk, get out of ear distance." Davis is now serving life for the snatch.

Shortly after this conversation, which concerned what Ma Barker (also slain by G-men) had said as to how the money should be divided, Davis had "a large amount of money. It was in packages of fives and tens. It was quite a lot of money."

When the Gladstone bag, which the government charges contained the money, was brought in for division, Fred Barker carried it and Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer and their baby were with him.

Black Bag Traced

Step by step the government, through Mrs. Murray, traced the movement of that mysterious black bag, which was first seen in Volney Davis' room at Aurora, Ill., where he and "Rabbits" lived immediately

after Mr. Bremer's release on Feb. 7, 1934.

She told how she finally made its appearance at the cottage of Weaver, another defendant, near Toledo.

"Who brought it?" she was asked. "Fred Barker carried it. Harry Sawyer, Gladys, his wife, and the baby (an adopted child) were with them."

She also testified that after the quarrel between Davis and Sawyer, she talked with Sawyer about money. (Continued on Page 20, Col. 2.)

Sawyer Got Kidnap Cash, Asserts Moll

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in the back yard of Weaver's place.

"What did he tell you?"

"He said that as soon as he got his dough he was leaving the boys because there was too much quarreling," she testified.

The testimony with which Mrs. Murray linked both Sawyer and Weaver with Barker-Karpis gang activities was continued today, carrying on from the time immediately after Mr. Bremer's release. Her testimony, in which she showed the connections of Weaver and Sawyer with the gang after the kidnaping was:

Q. What name was Bill Weaver living under at Aurora?

A. I don't know.

Q. How long did you live at 415 Fox st. there?

A. Until April (1934).

Q. When did Weaver leave his location on Plaine st.?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did anyone visit you at Fox st.?

A. Bolton (Byron, confessed kidnaper, awaiting sentence), Doc Barker and Weaver.

Q. What happened when Bolton called?

A. Left With Money.

A. Volney Davis, Elmer Farmer were in the house when he called. They went into the bedroom for a few minutes and Bolton left with a grip of money.

Q. What kind of bag?

A. It was a Gladstone bag that had been under Volney's bed.

Q. Did you see that bag moved at any time?

A. Once it was removed and brought back.

Q. How long was the bag under the bed?

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A. For some time. Volney took it away and brought it back. I saw the bag when we were leaving for Toledo.

Q. The same bag?

A. Yes. It was put in the car.

Q. Did you see that bag any other place while in Aurora?

A. No, I didn't.

Q. Where did you go from Aurora?

A. I went to Tulsa, Okla. Volney left before I did.

Q. Who accompanied Volney?

A. Doc Barker and Harry Campbell.

Q. Did you see Ma Barker while in Aurora?

After Killing.

A. Yes, one night with Fred Goetz' wife a couple of days after Goetz (a member of the mob slain in Chicago) was killed.

Q. Did anyone talk to them?

A. Volney took them in the house. I stayed in the hall.

Q. How long did you remain in Tulsa?

A. About a week; then came back to Aurora and then to Toledo.

Q. Did you meet Volney and his friends in Toledo?

A. Yes. At Harry Campbell's place on a lake, two miles out of Toledo on Lake Erie.

Q. Who else was there?

A. Dr. Moran, Jimmy Wilson (medical student convicted last spring), Wynona Burdette and Doc Barker.

Q. How long did you remain?

A. Overnight. Volney and I went to Al Karpis' place in Toledo. Dolores Delaney was living with him. She then identified a picture of Miss Delaney, another of gangland's "grass widows," who is to testify later.

Fingerprints Erased.

The questioning continued, linking Sawyer's name:

Q. How long did you stay at the Karpis apartment?

A. Overnight and then I rented an apartment of my own. Volney and Doc Barker lived with me.

Q. Did you see any of your friends while in Toledo?

A. Not that time. I stayed home because Volney was sick. His fingerprints were operated on by Dr. Moran. That was in May, 1934. His face also was bandaged over his eyes, nose and neck.

Q. Did anyone give him medical attention?

A. Jimmy Wilson changed the bandages on his face and fingers. I could see his nose and ears were cut and his fingertips raw.

Q. How long were the bandages on?

A. About three weeks.

Q. Did you have any callers while Volney was sick?

A. Doc Barker, Dr. Norman and Slim Gibson (Russel Gibson, killed in Chicago by G-men).

Q. When you left Toledo, where did you go?

A. Back to Aurora.

Q. Why did you go back?

A. I was under a doctor's care and was there about two weeks.

Q. Then what?

A. Volney came back to get me and we went back to Sandusky, O. We went to Bill Weaver's and Myrtle's cottage.

Q. How long did you remain there?

A. About three weeks.

Q. Who visited there?

A. Fred Barker, Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Dolores Delaney, Wynona Burdette and Willie Harrison.

Q. When did you get to the cottage?

A. The first part of June, remaining there about three weeks.

Q. How long did Sawyer remain at the cottage?

A. Three or four times, a few hours each time.

Q. Did he come alone?

A. No, with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis on each visit. Mrs. Sawyer came only once.

Q. Did you see the Gladstone bag at Weaver's cottage?

A. Yes. In my room.

Q. Who brought the bag?

A. Fred Barker carried it. Harry Sawyer, Gladys Sawyer and the baby were with him.

Q. What became of the bag?

A. It was placed under my bed.

Q. Did you see the contents of the bag?

A. No. Volney told me that they were always dumping the stuff on him and that I should not leave the Weaver cottage unless someone was there.

Q. Was Weaver living there when the bag was brought?

A. Yes. He lived there all the time I was there.

Q. When did you leave the cottage?

A. A few days before the Fourth of July.

Q. Who went with you?

A. Volney.

Q. While at the Weaver apartment do you recall any talks between Volney and other men?

Moved To Sunny Side.

A. Not at the Weaver cottage. We moved to Sunny Side beach, about 15 miles from Weavers. We lived there about three weeks.

Q. Did you visit the Weaver cottage?

A. Yes. Several times.

Q. Did Volney talk to anyone about business during those visits?

A. Yes. About the middle of July he talked to Karpis and Fred Barker. Harry Sawyer sat in the back on a bench a few feet away.

Q. Did Harry Sawyer say anything?

A. He told Volney not to talk so loud. Fred and Volney had an argument over what Volney was supposed to have said to Ma Barker regarding the split of the money.

Q. What did Harry Sawyer say?

A. He told Volney not to talk so loud and Volney said, "if you don't like the way I talk get out of ear distance." Sawyer got up and went into the house after that.

Q. When was there more talk about money?

A. About July 15. I talked to Harry Sawyer about money in the back yard of Weaver's place. He said that "as soon as I get my dough I'm leaving the boys." He said they were quarrelling too much.

Q. What did you and Volney do after the talk with Barker?

A. We left that evening.

Q. Did Volney get any money that day?

A. Not that day. The next day Al Karpis brought up some money.

Q. When did you leave the lake cottage?

A. The latter part of July Volney had a large amount of money. It was in packages of \$5 and \$10 bills. It was quite a lot of money. I don't know how much.

Q. Where did you go to from this cottage?

A. To Montana. We used two cars. I left the day before he did. Volney joined me there later.

This was the conclusion of her direct examination.

Late Thursday Mrs. Murray's low

but steady voice pierced the defense as, for more than two hours on the stand, she went through a day-by-day account of the Barker-Karpis gang activities from September, 1933, to Feb. 8, 1934, the day after Mr. Bremer's release. She continued from that point today.

Through her testimony Thursday the government maintained it had proved:

That Harry Sawyer was the first person visited by the gang on its arrival from Chicago in September, 1933.

The gang paid several visits to the Sawyers after that, two to the farm and others to the Sawyer saloon.

Jan. 14 or 15, 1934 (two days or three days before the snatching and a day or so after the shooting of Ray McCord, radio operator,) Harry Sawyer in an alleged talk with Fred Barker in Mrs. Murray's apartment said "the town is too hot now, you'd had better wait a while now."

Jan. 18, (a day after the kidnaping) Volney Davis, serving life for the kidnaping, and Mrs. Murray visited the Sawyer farm and Mrs. Murray overheard Sawyer say "The town is full of G-men," and Davis answered "Yes, I know it is hot."

TELLS OF CONTACT WITH KARPIS GANG

Girl Links Two on Trial in Bremer Kidnap Plot.

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Weaver was pointed out by Miss Rosina Kaether, a nurse, as one of the men seen at the apartment of Myrtle Eaton, where the prosecution contends members of the gang congregated.

The prosecution charges that Sawyer was the "finger man" in the abduction; Weaver is named as the actual kidnaper, and McDonald is alleged to have exchanged \$104,000 of ransom money in Cuba for other currency.

Fourteen persons from Havana, who arrived here yesterday, were quartered in a secret place under supervision of Department of Justice agents. They were called as witnesses to the alleged money changing.

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IDENTIFY TRIO IN BREMER TRIAL

Witnesses Link De- fendants With Kid- nap Gang.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 9 (AP)—Edna (Rabbits) Murray today named Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, on trial for conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer abduction as among those present at a dinner in Sawyer's home here six months before the kidnaping.

Attending the dinner, in June, 1933, she said, besides herself and Volney Davis, previously convicted of the kidnaping, were Fred Barker, Sawyer and his wife. Edna Murray, brought here from the Missouri penitentiary where she is serving a term for robbery, was then a fugitive from the prison.

Sawyer is charged as "finger-man" while Weaver is charged as an actual kidnaping. A third defendant in the trial is Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, alleged to have exchanged \$104,000 of the ransom money in Cuba for other currency.

Another witness, Miss Rosina Kaether, confirmed the identification made earlier in the day by Dr. Henry H. Hall of Weaver as an habitue of an apartment here where members of the Barker-Karpis gang lived for a time late in 1933.

Hall identified from photographs as other persons he saw there Fred and "Ma" Barker, both since slain in Florida.

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TESTS, TRAINING ARE POLICE NEEDS

Chief Could Do Much to
Bring Force From Dol-
drums, Writer Finds.

BY CHADS O. SKINNER.

A few forward-looking policies honestly applied, could shove the Cleveland police department out of the doldrums into which it has drifted in years of vacillating, short-sighted directing, and the political intrigue that has been one of its worst evils.

The department cannot be rehabilitated over night. Too many officers and men are satisfied with the present haphazard way of doing things and too many have supplanted initiative with a belief that you have to have "connections" to get anywhere.

But there are things which can be done to improve the efficiency of the force and bolster its virtually non-existent morale; things which would cost the taxpayers little or nothing.

There can be no reason except that the head of the department has been too busy watching for signals from City Hall as to which way he should jump next—why the department has not established a comprehensive training course for its recruits and expanded so older patrolmen and officers could get into physical trim and brush away the cobwebs from their knowledge of police procedure.

Favors Intelligence Test.

Yes, the head of the department could start pushing his force out of those doldrums by the use of advanced methods of police training.

It should not cost much in money or official energy to devise some means of better testing the intelligence, at least, of applicants for appointment to the force. In this connection it should be said that Lawrence J. Young, secretary of the Civil Service Commission, is in favor of giving candidates for patrolman an intelligence test to supplement the present form of examination, which is based to a large degree on elementary general information.

Young also said he favored restricting entrance into the patrolman's examination to men who have had a full high school education. Not a high school education "or the equivalent thereof."

A properly constituted Civil Service Commission—and there is reason to believe the present one fills that bill—can do wonders in properly conducting examinations for appointment and promotion, to squelch the ever-present stories of "fixes" and the use of money and "connections" to obtain advancement.

Test of Abilities Needed.

If a satisfactory system of selecting timber for the police department can be worked out a complementary step should be taken by ascertaining whether candidates have any particular qualification or bent for different branches of the service. That goes for promotional examinations, too.

An improved system of determining the aptitude of candidates for the police force would permit kicking into discard a provision that an applicant must be at least five feet nine inches tall. A more searching test of the candidates' fitness for different types of police work should permit the appointment to, say, the detective bureau of potentially expert investigators even if they are shorter.

Revealed as Ex-Convict.

One of the shortcomings of the present system of selecting policemen is that their records and reputations are not looked into thoroughly enough. Under the present setup, when a director calls for a civil service list of men eligible for appointment, the names and addresses of these men are referred to the officers of the precincts in which the men live. The precinct makes only a perfunctory checkup.

Cleveland only recently witnessed an example of this slipshod method. A detective who went on trial for complicity in an automobile theft was discovered to have been convicted of a felony in 1916.

There is room for great improvement in the handling of the cases of policemen who have been suspended and who now go before the safety director for a hearing if the charges make them liable to dismissal. What their punishment may be has depended, in far too many instances, on the temperament of the man who happens to be director.

Trial Board Recommended.

This writer knows of numerous hearings which have been pre-judged by a director two or three days before a man came to trial.

Some authorities on police administration have recommended that police departments set up a trial board of ranking officers, somewhat on the basis of army courtmartial, to pass on the innocence or guilt of a policeman brought up on charges.

Not in the spirit of levity, but in earnestness, one could readily advocate that a large part of the police force be compelled to take instructions in spelling and English composition. Too large a section of the police personnel is notable for the atrocious composition and spelling found in reports which, after all, form the basis for investigations and become permanent police records.

One of the fundamental police problems to which Cleveland should give thought, if it wants to improve its policing, is whether a continuation of the hair-line division of responsibility between the safety director and the chief is advisable. It sometimes seems that either the director or the chief is a fifth wheel.

Too much of the time the chief appears too subservient to the director to command the respect of his men and to enforce rigid discipline. Too much of the time the chief is the "fall guy" for issuing orders that have sifted through political channels, via the director, to the department as a whole.

Some cities have police commissioners, in several cases civilians, who are the undisputed heads of the police department and answerable only to the mayor. Arguments for and against that setup can be advanced, but when the police force goes to pieces there is only one place to put the finger—on the commissioner. It is too easy, under Cleveland's system, to have responsibility juggled back and forth between police headquarters and City Hall.

DAVIS' SWEETHEART IDENTIFIES SAWYER AT BREMER KIDNAP TRIAL

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 9.—[Special.]—Edna Murray, gangland sweetheart of Volney Davis, took the stand late today at the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial in federal court and testified that one of the first persons the Barker-Karpis gang saw on its arrival in Minnesota in 1933 was one of the three defendants, Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger.

Sawyer, together with Cassius McDonald and Willie Weaver, is on trial charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 abduction of Bremer in January, 1934.

The Murray woman was brought here from the woman's reformatory in Missouri where she is serving a 25 year term for robbery.

Miss Rosina Kather, nurse who attended one of the gang's women in a St. Paul apartment, identified Weaver as a frequenter of the place.

Fourteen witnesses arrived today from Havana, Cuba, to testify as prosecution witnesses. Through them the government plans to tie McDonald to the kidnaping.

The government lost one of its witnesses today with the death of John Deere, pastor of St. Michael's church, Prior Lake, Wis., and close friend of the Bremer family. Father Deere was to have related his receipt of a ransom note.

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BREAKS, HALTS BREMER TRIAL

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10. (AP)—Trial of three accused conspirators in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping ceased momentarily today when Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," serving as a government witness, nearly collapsed on the stand.

Under examination in the prosecution's effort to prove Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver as co-plotters, Mrs. Murray tottered suddenly in the witness chair.

District Attorney George F. Sullivan at the moment had asked Mrs. Murray, herself freed of a conspiracy charge in the first Bremer trial, about occurrences at Weaver's cabin near Sandusky, O.

The government contends members of the Karpis-Barker gang foregathered at the Ohio cabin. Mrs. Murray is said to have been there as the companion of Volney Davis, serving life for the Bremer abduction on ~~this plea~~ of guilty.

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CASH IN GRIP BREMER RANSOM, EDNA SAYS

**Mysterious Bag Carried by
Mob Linked to Kidnaping
of Banker.**

Money carried around in a black gladstone bag by members of the Barker-Karpis gang was from the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, Edna (Rabbits) Murray testified Friday she was told by her sweetheart, Volney Davis, one of the gangsters.

Her testimony was given at the trial in Federal court here of Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, William Weaver, mobster, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, all charged with conspiracy in the Bremer abduction, which took place January 17, 1934.

Brought here as a government witness from the Missouri state prison, where she is serving a 27-year sentence for robbery, Mrs. Murray had previously testified under direct examination regarding the activities of Davis and the other gangsters before, during and after the kidnaping. In this testimony she had repeatedly mentioned the money bag, but had made no mention of the source of the money which it contained.

Oddly enough, it was the defense which brought out the connection between the money and the kidnap case. Under cross-examination by L. L. Drill, one of Sawyer's attorneys, Mrs. Murray was asked:

"Did Davis ever tell you what kind of money was in that bag?"

"Yes," she replied. "He said it was ransom money."

"Did he say what ransom?"

"Yes, the Bremer ransom," she said.

She left the witness stand Friday afternoon after occupying it about five hours in all. She was followed by two witnesses called to substantiate various items of her testimony.

The first of these witnesses was Frank J. Burkell of Aurora, Ill., who said he had rented apartments in that city in March, 1934, to tenants he identified personally and by pictures as William Weaver, Myrtle Eaton, Volney Davis and Mrs. Murray.

The other witness was Mrs. Stella L. Willgrub, caretaker of several cottages on Lake Erie near Sandusky, Ohio, who identified the same quartet, in the same way, as persons who occupied one of the cottages the following summer.

This was to corroborate testimony given by Mrs. Murray. The prosecution then turned to activities of the gangsters in Cleveland, where several of them lived during the spring and summer of 1934.

First testimony along this line was given by Archie L. Amen of Cleveland, who said that during that period he was superintendent of an apartment building at 10615 Florian avenue in that city.

Allen said he rented an apartment on May 20 of that year to "Mr. and Mrs. J. Earl Masterson", whom he identified through pictures as Fred Barker, one of the gang leaders, and Paula Harmon, his sweetheart. By

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the same means he identified Alvin Karpis, another mob chieftain, as one of their visitors.

Asked if anyone in the courtroom had visited the apartment, he pointed out Sawyer, who stood up, and Sawyer's wife, Gladys, seated in the front row of the spectators' seats. Sawyer, he said, had been pointed out to him by "Mrs. Masterson" as "my husband's boss," and he had been told that Mrs. Sawyer was "Mrs. Masterson's sister."

He then testified that the "Mastersons" had moved away the latter part of July, although their rent had been paid to August 20.

"They lived on the second floor," he said, "and a woman living below them complained they were making too much noise. She said if they didn't stop, she'd call the police. My wife told that to Mrs. Masterson, and they moved right out the same day."

Mrs. Irene R. Blackman, 3969 West 140th street, Cleveland, then took the stand and through pictures identified Alvin Karpis and his sweetheart, Dolores Delaney, as residents of a house next door, at 3973 West 140th street, from about June 29 to September 6, 1934.

By the same means she identified Willie Harrison, an associate of the mob, as someone who "had a key to the place and apparently lived there."

Visitors to the house resembled pictures of Fred Barker; his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker; and Wynona Burdette, sweetheart of Harry Campbell, one of the gang "heavies," she said. These identifications, however, were not positive.

The last witness of the day was George Willard, 4423 West 171st street, Cleveland, who told of activities in a house next door, at 4419 West 171st street, from the latter part of July to the early part of September. Through pictures, he identified Karpis, Campbell, Harrison, Wynona Burdette and Paula Harmon as among those who went in and out of the house, but said he did not know which of them lived there.

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Asked to indicate anyone in the courtroom who visited the place, he pointed out Sawyer and Mrs. Sawyer.

He then pointed out Weaver, but qualified the identification by saying: "I am almost certain I saw him there, but wouldn't stake my life on it."

"You'd stake his life on it, though, wouldn't you?" asked A. Jerome Hoffman, Weaver's attorney.

"No!" shouted the witness, with emphasis.

As has been the case during most of the trial so far, neither Sawyer nor Weaver seemed particularly affected by the testimony concerning them. For the most part, Sawyer sat with a slight smile, while Weaver showed scarcely any emotion.

Testimony as to McDonald's alleged part in the conspiracy remains to be introduced. Five Negroes, all hotel employees in Miami, arrived Friday afternoon and are to be called by the government as witnesses against McDonald, who is accused of exchanging \$104,000 of the ransom money in Havana.

One incident which evoked a titter from the spectators Friday was Mrs. Willgrub's identification of Weaver, whom she said she knew as "J. A. Orwood." Asked to indicate him, she simply turned toward him, bowed and smiled and said: "Mr. Orwood?" At which Weaver arose from his seat and also bowed and smiled.

At the conclusion of the day's session, George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, announced to Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye, presiding, that the prosecution may rest next week. The trial will be resumed Monday.

BREMER TRIAL WITNESS TELLS OF RANSOM BAG

**Davis Told Her He
Had Kidnap Cash,
Says Mrs. Murray.**

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10—(AP)—Admission that Volney Davis told her he carried Edward G. Bremer ransom money in a black bag displayed in a cottage at Sandusky, O., was made by Edna (Rabbits) Murray this afternoon in the trial of three Bremer kidnap defendants.

Mrs. Murray previously had linked Harry Sawyer and William Weaver with the Barker-Karpis gang, to which the kidnaping is charged. Sawyer and Weaver are on trial with Cassius McDonald, alleged "money changer."

Davis has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the kidnaping.

DIDN'T SEE MORAN.

Mrs. Murray admitted she never saw Dr. Joseph P. Moran, fugitive physician, at the Weaver cottage. Dr. Moran is under indictment as a conspirator in the kidnaping.

At a previous trial several witnesses testified he performed face lifting and finger print mutilation operations on members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

The witness told how she and Davis went to the home of Harry Campbell, fugitive kidnap suspect, and Alvin Karpis, who still is sought as a leader of the kidnap gang.

MEN QUARRELED.

When she was at the home of Campbell, she testified, "Doc" Barker, Dr. Joseph Moran of Chicago, Jimmy Wilson and Wynona Burdette were there. Mrs. Murray testified to quarrelling among the gangsters.

Earlier in the day the trial was halted momentarily when Mrs. Murray collapsed in the witness chair.

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Awaiting Bremer Jury's Verdict



—Associated Press Wirephoto
CASSIUS McDONALD, Detroit engineer, in jail at St. Paul, Minn., where he is on trial with two others in the Bremer kidnaping case. McDonald is accused of arranging the exchange of \$200,000 in ransom money in Cuba for the Barker-Karpis gang. The trial has been adjourned until Monday.

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Cold Alters Bremer Kidnap Trial

*12 Shivering Cubans
Will Be Called as
Next Witnesses*

ST. PAUL, Jan. 11. (AP)—Be-
cause twelve shivering Cubans are
cold and homesick in St. Paul,
the government will alter the or-
der of its prosecution in federal
court trial of three defendants,
charged with conspiracy in the
\$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G.
Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Instead of being called as wit-
nesses the latter part of next
week, as planned, they will be
placed on the stand Monday and
returned to Havana after their
testimony.

Through another change in the
government's plans, for the same
reasons, the Cubans probably will
be followed on the stand by five
Negroes brought here from Miami,
Fla.

Both Cubans and Negroes will
be called to testify regarding the
alleged activities of Cassius Mc-
Donald, one of the defendants,
in the reputed changing of \$83,-
000 of the Bremer ransom money
in Cuba.

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'Let's Go,' Ness Says, as He Shows His G-Man Training

Elliot Ness last night showed the county of Cuyahoga in general and Sheriff John M. Sulzmann in particular that his reputation as a zealous, courageous law enforcement officer is no publicity build-up.

Cleveland's 32-year-old safety director walked, unarmed, at the head of a column of 62 heavily-armed men to thrust open the doors of the Harvard Club into the faces of men who had threatened to "knock off the heads" and "mow down" anyone who tried to raid the place.

When Ness stepped forward to lead the men who closed in on the Harvard Club, after it had defied county officials to raid it for five and a half hours, the smile he characteristically wears disappeared.

He said quietly: "Let's have a light here. All right? Let's go."

He strode to the door of the Harvard Club, pushed it open and said to County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan: "All right, let your men go in there and serve their warrants. We'll back them up."

Met By Plug-ugly.

When Ness got inside the club one of the gambling resort's blue-bearded plug-uglies stepped up to him and said:

"Say, who do you think you are? You were only sworn in a few hours ago."

The man mistook Ness for one of the twenty special constables obtained by Cullitan to raid the Harvard and Thomas Clubs. He didn't

know, evidently, that the slight figure in a camel's-hair topcoat, had led the federal government's "untouchables" in their desperate war that smashed Scarface Al Capone's beer racket in Chicago.

The plug-ugly didn't look down at the gold badge whose color blended with that of Ness' coat. The badge had inscribed on it: "City of Cleveland—Director of Public Safety."

Ness just smiled at the "hard guy" and walked away.

You might have thought he was a college boy, successful in an athletic contest, as Ness remarked: "Gee, this ought to do an awful lot for law enforcement in the city and county. I hope what happened here tonight is shown in its true light. It was a real victory and I hope the county people keep up their good work. With their co-operation my job of trying to keep Cleveland as free from crime as possible will be just that much easier."

NESS PREPARES TO CURE POLICE EVILS

Set to Advocate Training
School and Tightening
of Requirements.

BY CHADS O. SKINNER.

Safety Director Eliot Ness is prepared to advocate a comprehensive program for improving Cleveland's police personnel that would remedy many of the defects pointed out in the Plain Dealer series on police administration in this city.

Ness' program, based on his studies in the University of Chicago's school of police science and his observation of police procedure while he was a United States government agent, contains these salient points:

- 1—Immediate establishment of a police training school.
- 2—Much more rigid requirements than are now in effect for admittance to civil service examinations given to candidates for appointment as patrolmen.
- 3—Searching character investigations and the finger-printing of men in line for appointment to the force.
- 4—Different requirements for admission to and promotion in various branches of the police service.
- 5—Testing of a candidate's temperamental, as well as mental and physical, fitness become a policeman.
- 6—Weeding out of cadet patrolmen who have not demonstrated proficiency in police work during a two-year probationary period.
- 7—Adoption of measures to improve the morale of the present police force.

Cull to Co-operate.

Dan B. Cull, chairman of the Civil Service Commission, in commenting on police department defects cited in the Plain Dealer series, gave assurance that Ness would be given full co-operation in any effort to give the city a higher caliber police force.

Cull expressed the belief that a better method can be devised for testing the fitness of candidates for the force and that promotional examinations can be more carefully conducted, although Cull said he thought the latter examinations had been conducted on a high plane for the last several years.

The safety director disclosed yesterday that he will ask the City Council, when it drafts the city's 1936 budget, to make an adequate provision for establishing a police school to train the present police personnel, as well as rookies.

Ness and his executive assistant, John R. Flynn, are now studying methods of instruction and have several sites for the projected school under consideration, and will soon consider possible appointments of instructors.

Consider Army Theory.

"There is a very definite need for police training," Ness said. "We intend to start a training course in an army theory of continuous training for both officers and men."

In discussing the need for higher standards of admittance to the police force, the director said:

"At this time, when jobs in private industry and business are not plentiful, steps should be taken to raise the requirements for admission to the civil service examination for appointment as patrolman. The examination should be made longer and more difficult. There should be many more questions, ones that would test a candidate's fitness for police work."

He believes that the results of a long and difficult test would place at the top of the civil service eligible list a comparatively few men whose grades would demonstrate that they are potentially efficient policemen.

Ness also advocated that some type of oral examination be given candidates for the force in order to weed out those whose appearance, manner of speech and attitude indicated by the answers to oral questions would show them to be unfit for police duty.

"After a stiff written examination, those who have passed should be given a thorough physical examination and their finger prints should be taken so they can be checked against the files in the United States Bureau of Identification."

"A thorough character investigation should be made of the candidates who pass both the written and physical examinations. To be a policeman is to hold a position of trust, but apparently that is not now taken into consideration."

Director Ness has repeatedly said that the lack of character investigation of men appointed to the Cleveland police department is almost incomprehensible.

Ness said different requirements for appointment to and promotion in various branches of police service should be established.

The director believes that a system under which men who want to be detectives and have outstanding qualifications for those positions can be admitted directly to the bureau would draw a "new class of men to police service."

"There is one very apparent fact in police business that has not been taken into consideration," Ness said.

"That is, there is scarcely any way to test on paper a man's temperamental fitness for a police job. Many men could pass a written examination of the stiffest sort, but still be unfit by temperament to be policemen."

Favors Probation.

The director is strongly in favor of a probationary period, at the end of which any cadet patrolman who does not measure up to a high standard of efficiency is immediately dropped from the force. Ness said this could be determined by efficiency ratings compiled by superior officers, or by periodical examinations of cadets on practical police procedure.

Ness feels keenly on the subject of police morale, a virtually non-existent quality in the Cleveland police department, and is convinced that it can be improved in two ways:

"First, we must establish the soundness of the theory that any policeman who is doing honest work and who is pulling no punches for the benefit of certain individuals or interests will not be kicked around. We must recognize law enforcement and not the dealing out of special privileges as the basis for advancement."

"Second, we must institute some form of recognition for efficiency and punishment for inefficiency so that they will apply in considerations for promotion of policemen. Efficiency ratings should be instituted and some tabulation kept of outstanding achievements by individual policemen which would be weighed in their ratings for advancement."

CULLITAN RAIDERS GET HARVARD CLUB

Gamblers Defiant, Yield
After Siege; Thomas
Is Raided, Too.

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and Alex (Alky) Miller, three brothers named as the operators of the Thomas Club at McCracken and Thomas Roads in Maple Heights. None of the Miller brothers was in the Thomas Club when Cullitan and the constables were admitted after starting to batter down the heavy front door with a long wooden bench.

Gambling Room Bare

The principal gambling room of the Harvard Club was bare when the authorities entered it, except for tattered paper, the framework baize dice tables, and a gigantic race chart blackboard that covered the west end of the 90-by-90-foot room.

Constables and policemen climbed up a ladder they pulled down from a small aperture in the first floor ceiling just inside the main entrance. The hole in the floor was covered by a heavy square of bullet-proof glass fully three-quarters of an inch thick. When it was shoved aside the officers scrambled into what proved to be the "strong room," a cubby hole with slots for machine guns which could be trained on the main gambling room or the money room in case of a holdup or raid.

The counting room, extending three-quarters of the width of the building on the east side, was littered with betting slips and change accounts.

In a store room off the counting room was a large stock of ledger sheets and betting forms—and a half dozen light felt hats and an assortment of street and sports shoes that the operators had left behind in their getaway.

Cart Away Remnants.

Every movable piece of equipment or stock that the club owners had left behind was carted away under the prosecutor's direction and was in storage this morning in a garage near the Criminal Court Building along with thousands of dollars' worth of equipment seized at the Thomas Club.

Most of the equipment in the Harvard Club—tables, desks, adding machines and gambling devices—was removed during the long siege to the furniture vans that were parked behind the club. One fully loaded and one half-loaded were still there when the club was stormed, but since the search warrant for entering the place did not cover property outside the building, Cullitan permitted it to be hauled away, saying:

"We have achieved our purpose—to put both the Harvard and Thomas Clubs out of business."

Cullitan commended his chief assistant, Charles J. McNamee, who led the constables to the Harvard Club at 5 p. m., for not trying to enter the place in the face of threats by the cursing, shouting Patton, who swore he would "mow down" every constable that set foot in the establishment.

After Cullitan had tried to obtain aid directly from the Cleveland po-

lice department and was told there was a question whether city officers could act in Newburg Heights, a suburb, the prosecutor called County Jail and said: "We're in trouble at the Harvard Club. Send ten, twenty deputies, all you can get."

Charles Sulzmann, ill in bed at his home, sent word to Cullitan, the prosecutor said, that he would not send aid or protection unless it was requested by Mayor Jerry Sticha of Newburg Heights. "In accordance with my home rule policy," Cullitan had previously tried time after time to reach Sticha at his home, but was told he was not there. (Reporters could obtain no statement from Sulzmann at his home.)

Cullitan then decided to call Ness. He reached the safety director at a City Council meeting in City Hall and explained the situation by telephone. Ness, who said he would act "solely as a private citizen interested in law enforcement," said he would volunteer after first calling County Jail to be personally apprised of Sulzmann's "home rule policy."

"I called the jail and told them there that the prosecutor was in trouble," Ness said. "When I learned that the sheriff would not give aid I determined, out of respect for the law, to volunteer as a private citizen and to ask as many policemen who cared to do so to accompany me in the same capacity."

Volunteers Ready.

Ness went directly to Central Police Station, where three plainclothes men under Sergt. Harry Wenzel, five motorcycle men under Sergt. Joseph Niguit and 28 patrolmen under Sergt. John Koterba readily volunteered to accompany the director at the change of their shift at 10 o'clock.

Ness, it was learned, took what might have been the most hazardous task of his career in law enforcement when he led his men to the club that had defied the law. Unarmed, he marched at the head of the procession of armed policemen.

Determined to close the two clubs which have defied the authorities for years, Cullitan yesterday obtained two sets of warrants for each club from Justice of the Peace Calhoun. There was a warrant for search and seizure at each club. Other warrants charged the Miller brothers with operating a gambling establishment.

Warrants were issued also charging Patton, Hebebrand and Gallagher, alleged proprietors of the Harvard Club, with operating a gambling establishment. Six "John Doe" warrants for each establishment also were sworn to for the arrest of any persons who might be found operating games of chance in the clubs.

Cullitan arranged with Calhoun to swear in twenty special constables who met in the Cleveland Heights City Hall at 3 p. m.

The prosecutor also hired two moving vans from Frank J. Hawkins, 8914 Cedar Avenue S. E.

Cullitan divided his forces into two groups. Cullitan and Assistant Prosecutor Thomas A. Burke, Jr., headed one squad of twenty constables which went with one of the moving vans to the Thomas Club.

McNamee, chief assistant prosecutor, led the second squad to the Harvard Club. With him were John J. Mahon and Francis D. Celebrezze, assistant prosecutors, and Detective Sergeant Patrick J. Ryan, who is assigned to the prosecutor's office.

Promptly at 4 p. m. the two squads started from the Cleveland Heights City Hall.

At the Harvard Club, McNamee went to the front door, where he was met by Patton, who told the chief assistant prosecutor that he could enter the place but none of the others could. McNamee went inside and explained the situation, telling Patton he had warrants for the search of the club and for the arrest of the operators.

"Where is that—Cullitan?" Patton asked.

McNamee told Patton of the proceedings of the day.

McNamee quoted Patton as saying:

"You fellows (McNamee, Mahon and Celebrezze) are prosecutors. You just step aside and let those other

"Fellows that you've got with you try to get in here. We'll blow 'em down." McNamee said Patton gestured toward a balcony around the edge of the building where, according to McNamee, there were heavily armed lookouts.

Inside the place were 1,000 men and women who had been playing at the gaming tables. McNamee said. Not wishing to invite bloodshed, particularly with the large crowd inside, McNamee attempted diplomatic tactics with Patton, who said he would close and get the people out. That was at 5 p. m.

Cullitan Arrives.

Shortly after 7 p. m., Cullitan arrived. He drove his automobile into the parking yard, which was jammed with cars.

Cullitan found McNamee, Mahon and Celebrezze at the side of the building near a fence just west of the club entrance.

When the prosecutor arrived, Patton, a short stubby man, wearing a green hat and a black overcoat with a white scarf billowing at the collar, was rushing about.

Patton, cursing profusely, rushed toward Cullitan. Cullitan tried to accomplish his task peacefully.

"Anyone that goes in there," Patton cried, "gets their head knocked off. You've got your home at stake and we got our property at stake."

"I've tried every decent way I could," Cullitan began.

"No, you haven't," Patton broke in.

"This is my job to close this place," Cullitan said.

"Why don't you quit your job?" Patton shot back.

"I've tried to go about this as decently as I could and we're going to see it through."

After the oral exchange with Patton, Cullitan went to a nearby gasoline filling station. He telephoned to the detective bureau and asked Detective Lieutenant Herbert Murray to send two squads on an emergency call.

Cullitan then called Acting Detective Inspector Joseph M. Sweeney to make sure that the sending of the squads had an official sanction. Sweeney said he wanted time to think it over.

Just then a man, known only as "Joe," who had been attempting to act as a sort of peacemaker between Patton and the law enforcement officers, came from the club.

Won't "Double Up."

"We'll let you in," he said, "as soon as we get our money counted. We ain't going to double you."

A moment later Patton appeared on the scene with a man who introduced himself to McNamee as Hebebrand. By this time the lights in the parking yard had been turned out and the place was in inky darkness.

McNamee, Mahon, Celebrezze and Detective Sergeant Ryan talked with Patton and Hebebrand for several minutes.

A reporter was standing near the group. Patton swung about suddenly and looked sharply at the reporter.

"Get out of here," he snapped. "Don't try to get your ear in here. Lightning is liable to strike you, buddy."

The conference went on as the reporter moved away but some of it was in loud tones.

Patton was heard to shout: "You ain't going to make a pinch here. No pinches! Understand!"

McNamee walked away from the group and said Patton had refused to admit the raiders to the club. It was then 8 p. m.

"We are going to see this through," McNamee said.

The chief assistant prosecutor rejoined Cullitan at the gasoline station and a man called Bill, another "diplomat" in the club's service, appeared and said the club would like twenty minutes more before admitting the raiders.

"We will not give you another minute," Cullitan said. "We are going in there if we have to call the national guard."

By this time a crowd of 300 or 400 persons had gathered around the club to watch the proceedings.

Cullitan called County Jail at 7:58 p. m. and asked that all deputies that could be rounded up be sent to the club to provide reinforcements for the raiders.

Cullitan said he talked with Chief Jailer William J. Murphy who said he would have to call Sheriff Sulzmann before making any reply to the prosecutor's demand.

Later Murphy told the prosecutor, according to Cullitan, that Sulzmann had told him to deliver this message:

"Mr. Cullitan should call the mayor of the village and let him ask for assistance if he thinks he needs it. That is in accordance with the sheriff's home rule policy."

Cullitan was unable to reach the mayor of Newburg Heights.

The prosecutor tried to reach Police Chief George J. Matowitz in his search for aid, but failed. He left word for the chief at his home and at Central Police Station.

As all this went on Cullitan said: "This is the most brazen defiance of law and order I ever have heard of anywhere. This is going to be a showdown."

As the siege progressed Cullitan was asked what he expected to find when he did get into the club. He merely smiled. Several automobiles had driven away from the club a short time before that. One of the cars contained several men who were holding four small baskets. It was reported that gambling equipment was being removed in the cars.

"Our objective," Cullitan said, "is to close the place, and we have done that. However, we are going into the place but not until we have protection."

At the Thomas Club, Cullitan and Burke, accompanied by ten special constables, went to the front door. A lookout met them. They showed the search warrant. The lookout said he would have to see somebody inside before letting them in.

Cullitan and his squad waited for ten minutes, but nothing happened. The constables then picked up a long low bench that they found near the door and began to use it as a battering ram.

As a hole was knocked through a panel beside the entrance, the door suddenly was opened from the inside. One-third of the 500 in the place were women and half of those were well past middle age. Many were gray-haired.

By the time the raiders entered, the operators had left their places behind the gaming tables and were mingling with the throng that was milling about the gaming room.

to the payoff windows to cash in their chips. Then the crowd was driven from the club. None of the three Miller brothers was there.

The devices confiscated were: Thirteen slot machines—the 10 and 25-cent variety.

Three costly roulette wheels and layouts.

Seven craps tables.

Four chuck-a-luck cages and tables.

The raiders broke into the office by smashing a lock on the door. There they seized a large quantity of silver dollars, half dollars and quarters—the total estimated at more than \$1,000—including a large bag of silver dollars left by one of the operators on one of the roulette tables.

In the office the raiders found a .32 caliber revolver, a sawed-off shotgun, a tear gas pistol, a black-jack and a large sheath knife. These were confiscated.

In an alcove at the entrance to the office, Cullitan found a telegraph switch panel with a key and a resonator. These were ripped out, together with a loud speaker set used to announce race results.

Along one of the walls was an immense racing chart on which were posted results at Santa Anita, Alamo Downs and Fair Grounds. The

board occupied half of one side of the immense room. Along another side were twelve payoff windows—nine of them open and three closed.

The moving van—a ton-and-a-half truck—had to make two trips to remove the equipment, which included a desk and two large safes found in the office.

A sign over the payoff windows in the club listed seven locations in Cleveland from which seven-passenger sedans left with customers for the club every fifteen minutes from noon to 8 p. m. each day.

As Cullitan was about to leave the Thomas Club a telephone rang. He answered. A man who told the prosecutor he was from the "telegraph room" asked for "M. E. Miller."

"Your telegraph lines are open," the man told Cullitan.

"They are not open," Cullitan said. "They are down because we are closing the place."

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PROSECUTOR'S SUDDEN ATTACK ALSO CLOSES THOMAS CLUB LAYOUT

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Ness arrived in front of the club at 3111 Harvard Avenue, Newburg Heights, shortly after 10 with 39 patrolmen, ten motorcycle policemen and four plain clothes men who volunteered to back the director in protecting the prosecutor because the sheriff had failed to order his deputies to do so.

With Ness marching in front of them, the 42 policemen and twenty constables armed with sawed-off shotguns, tear gas pistols and revolvers, stormed the club at 10:30. They met no resistance from about twenty lookouts and "muscle men" huddled in an office inside. Ness shoved open the front door and told Cullitan's constables to finish their job.

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Cullitan said early this morning that constables would start a search for Hebebrand, Patton and Dan Gallagher, named in warrants as owners of the Harvard Club, and for Davis Miller, Sam (Gameboy) Miller

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FROM EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL OFFICIALS, IS AS IMPORTANT AS THE
election of congressmen?

Crime Is On the Run!

MOVING vans freighted with the roulette, dice and black-jack tables of the Harvard club may be seen somewhere on the high roads today—speeding away from Cleveland.

They represent crime on the run.

May they carry their nefarious cargo to some place where paved roads are no more, and there bog down in the mud!

The flight of this paraphernalia for separating fools from their money is something to cheer. Likewise, it is good that the owners of the gambling tables are in flight. They are a proper riddance.

While we're cheering, let's fill the air with three long hurrahs and nine sharp rahs for Eliot Ness. Cleveland's safety director, learning that Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Cullitan was threatened with violence in Newburg Heights, went to his assistance with 42 policemen.

The 42 policemen from Cleveland reinforced 20 special constables, and the doors of the Harvard club were shoved open. Thereby the Harvard club was shoved into the past, taking a place beside the Thomas club in the limbo for criminal enterprises.

Mr. Cullitan deserves congratulations on his courage in leading the raids on the Thomas and Harvard clubs.

And Cuyahoga county is to be congratulated because Eliot Ness is ready to be the county's safety director when necessity demands.

Where was Sheriff Sulzmann when Mr. Cullitan needed help?

He was at home, explaining that backing up the prosecutor would be a strict violation of the sheriff's "home rule" policy.

SEE OVER

Hunt Gambling Kings Who Made Escape in Raids

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discussed the legal aspects of the situation with Law Director Clum.

"I think it was the thing to do," Mayor Burton said of Ness' decision to provide Mr. Cullitan with a guard when it appeared the prosecutor's life was in danger.

Sheriff Sulzmann, citing his "home rule" policy, rejected an appeal for his deputies and declared he would make no move unless requested to do so by the mayors of the villages in which the clubs are located.

Not Getting Into Fight

Asked if he planned any formal protest or would take any action against Sheriff Sulzmann for the latter's failure to send aid to the raid, Mr. Cullitan said:

"I don't know anything I can particularly do—and there is nothing I can say about that." As an afterthought he said:

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Then Patton, casting a sidelong glance at a score of strong-arm men and guards lined up around the inside of the club building, became threatening.

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"Pause" for Two Hours

This typical gangland parlance, coupled with Patton's apparent ability to back it up and Mr. McNamee's desire "to avoid bloodshed," gave the raiders pause.

This particular pause lasted just two hours—from 5 p. m. until 7 p. m., when Mr. Cullitan drove up and parked his car beside hundreds of others owned by patrons of the club who were not alarmed to the extent of leaving.

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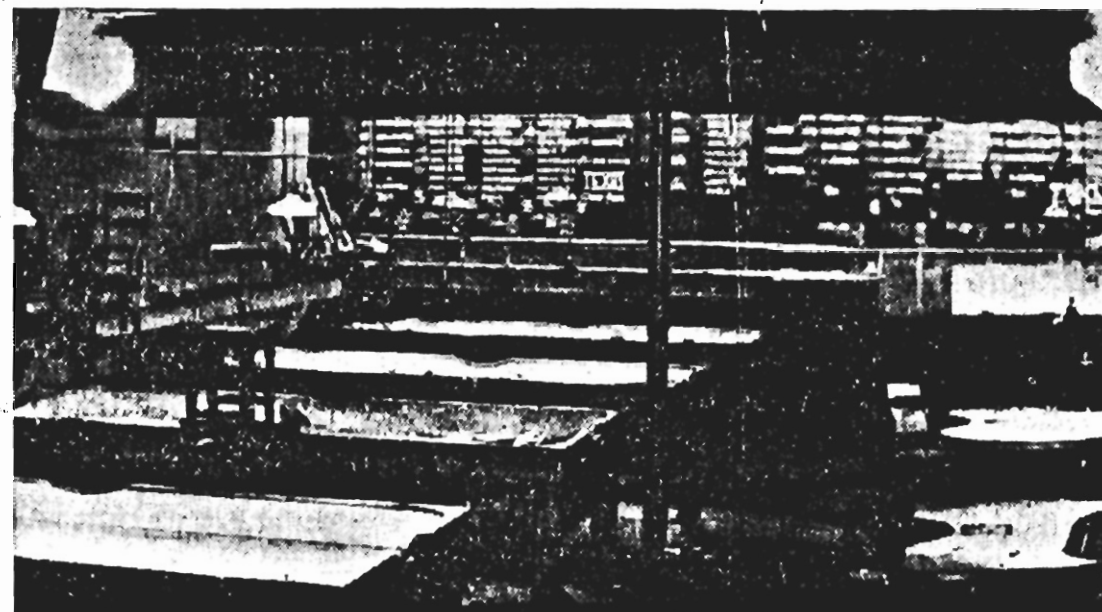
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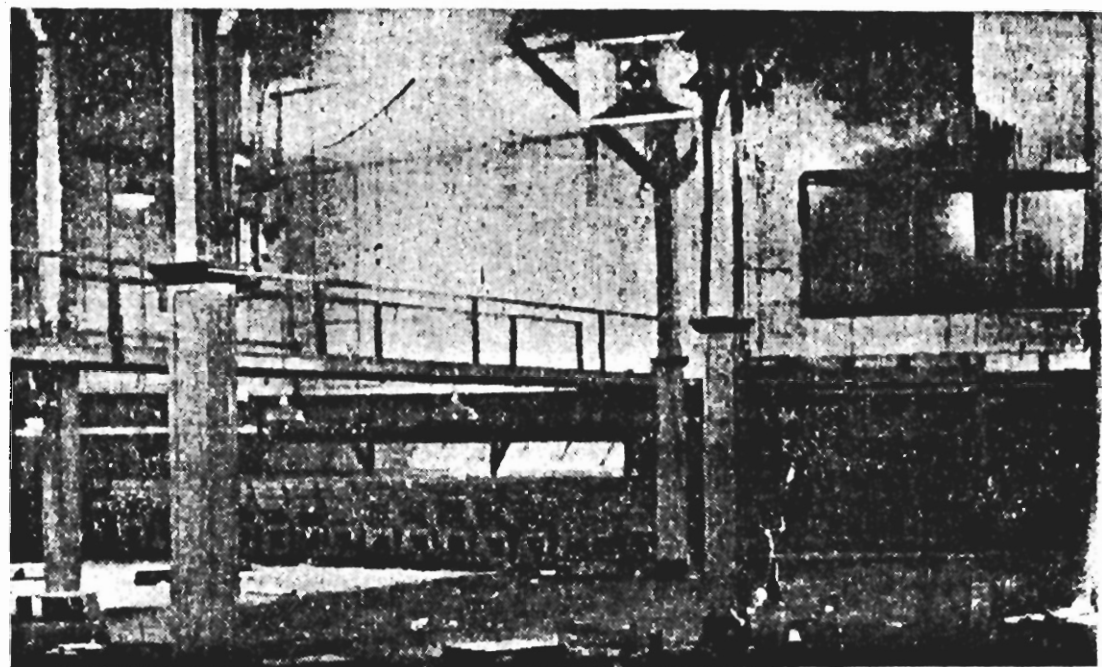
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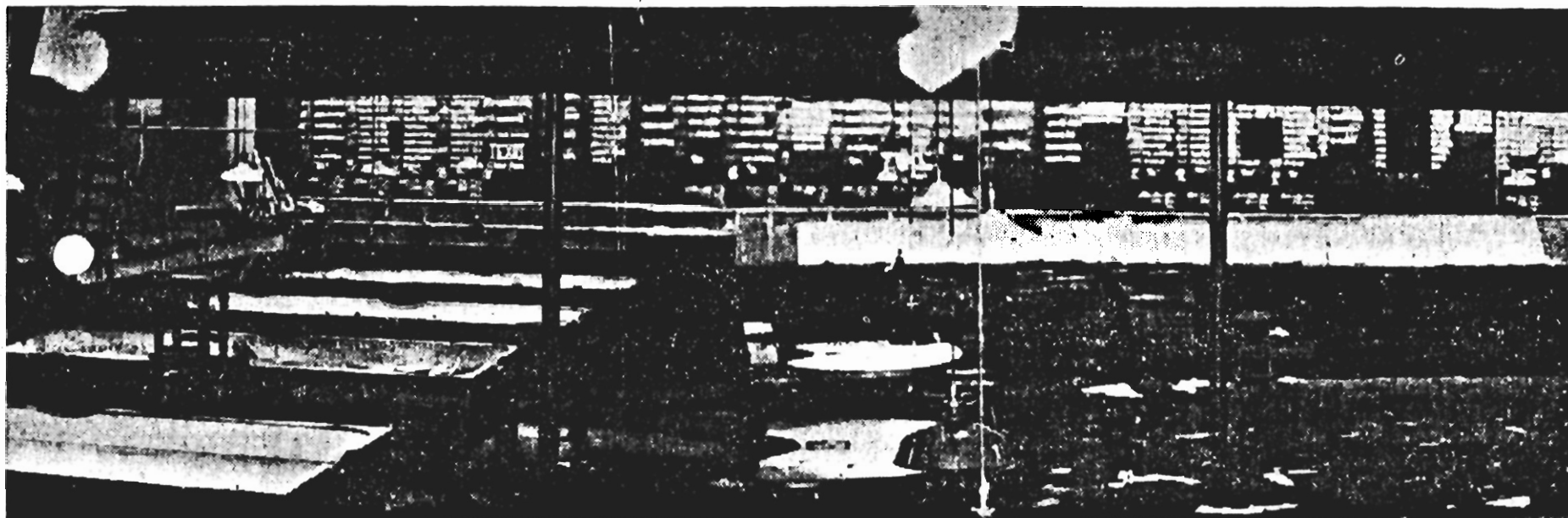


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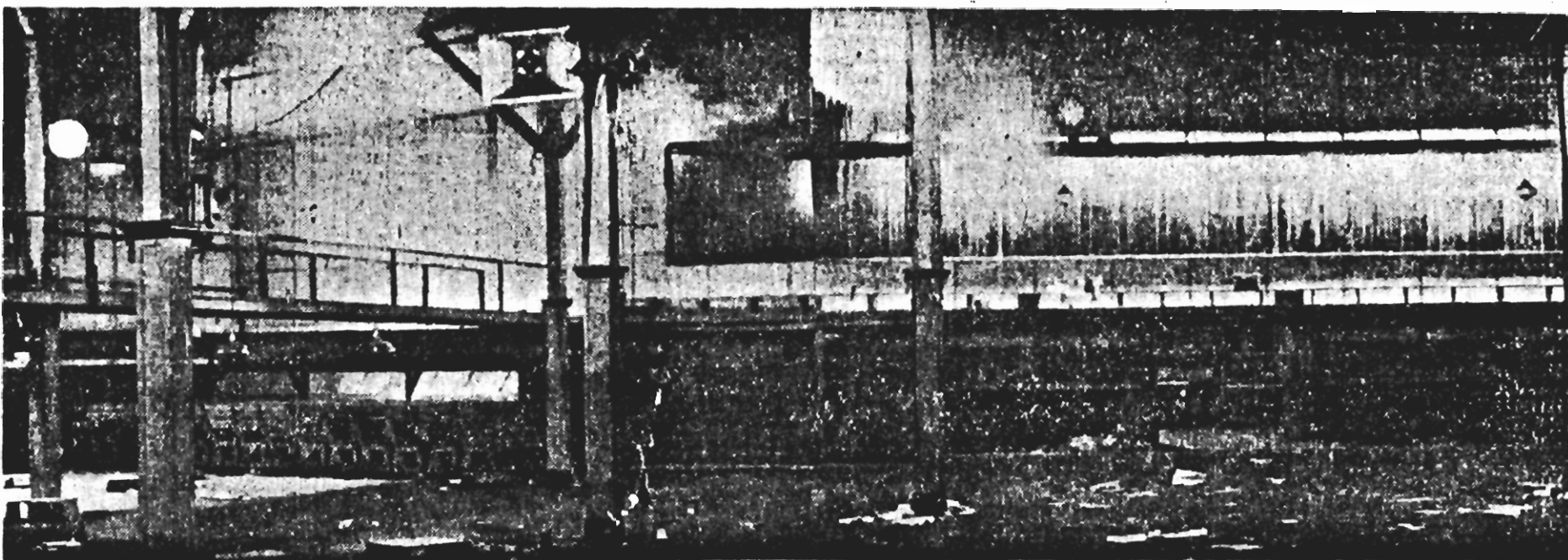


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While the Thomas club raid was executed with dispatch, the descent upon the Harvard club resolved itself into a siege lasting more than five hours, from dusk until 11 p. m. And by the time the raiders gained admittance everything having to do with gambling had been removed from the club.

Threats against the prosecutor, profanely uttered by Patton, caused Ness to insist upon sending a police escort with Cullitan when the latter returned to his home at 492 E. 120th st. after midnight.

Patton, early in the siege, held the raiders at bay by threatening to "mow down" the prosecutor's men if they tried to enter.

Twenty Sworn In

The dual raiding parties were planned at 3 p. m. yesterday, when Mr. Cullitan went to the office of Justice Calhoun.

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First arranging for two moving vans, Mr. Cullitan divided his forces. With Assistant County Prosecutor Thomas A. Burke Jr. and the 20 constables, he took one of the vans and proceeded to the Thomas club.

The chief assistant, Charles J. McNamee, proceeded to the Harvard club with two other assistant prosecutors, John J. Mahon and Frank D. Celebrezze, and Detective Sergeant Patrick J. Ryan, assigned to the prosecutor's office. They set out at 4 p. m.

Nearly a thousand persons were gambling in the auditorium-like structure at 3111 Harvard ave., Newburg Heights, when McNamee rapped at the door.

"You come in—alone," Patton told Mr. McNamee. The prosecutor went inside. He told Patton about

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Patton and Hebebrand remained. They sent an emissary named "Joe" to contact the prosecutor's party, which was munching sandwiches in the gasoline station while awaiting reinforcements from Cleveland.

"We'll let you in," Joe informed the officials, "as soon as we get our money counted. We ain't going to trouble you."

Patton Lays Down Law

The raiders kept on munching. Soon Patton and Hebebrand put in a personal appearance at the gas station. There Patton gave the following order to the prosecutor:

"You ain't going to make a pinch here. No pinches! Understand?" Maybe Mr. Cullitan didn't quite understand, but when he went home for the night he had made no "pinches."

After Patton issued his order McNamee announced the raiders wouldn't be allowed in the club. By this time it was 8 p. m. and the officials were getting desperate.

Unable to reach Mayor Jerry Sticha of Newburg Heights, or the village marshal, Mr. Cullitan put in telephone calls for Sheriff Sulzmann and Police Chief Matowitz.

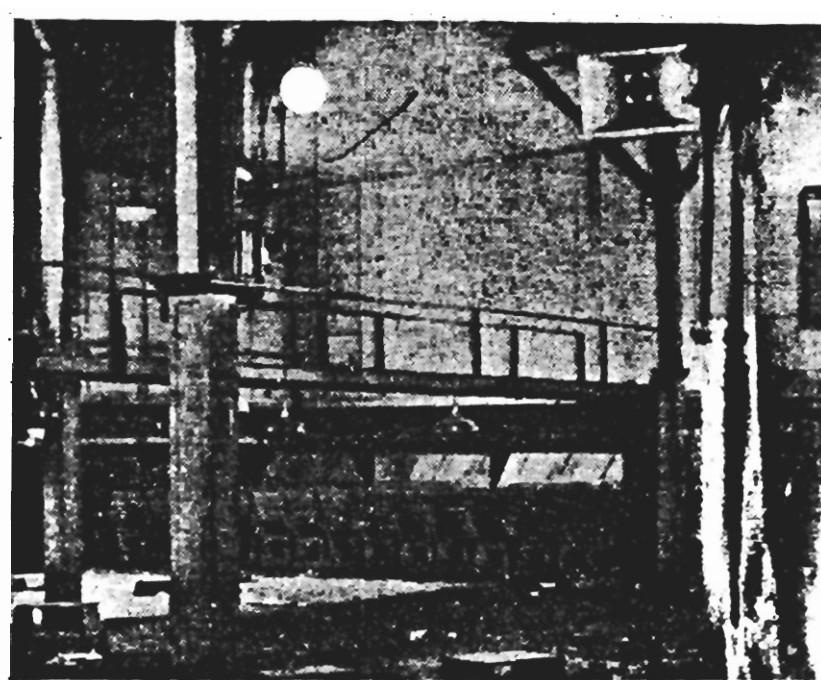
"The sheriff says he stands on his home rule policy," Chief Jailer William J. Murphy called back and said a few minutes later. "He says that if Mayor Sticha will call and request . . ."

Mr. Cullitan, in disgust, banged the receiver. Unable to find Chief Matowitz or Mayor Sticha, the prosecutor settled down again to diplomatic relations with the gamblers.

Another emissary from the joint appeared and said his bosses would admit the raiders in 20 minutes. This was too much for Cullitan.

"We'll not give you another minute," snapped the prosecutor. "We're going in there if we have to call the national guard!"

But two hours later Cullitan was still waiting, so he called Director



But inside the Harvard club it was different

Ness out of the city council meeting.

"This is the most brazen defiance of the law I've ever seen," fumed Cullitan as he waited for Ness. At 10:20, with sirens screaming, the safety director and his men hove in sight.

Ness had gone to central police station where he picked up five sergeants and 26 patrolmen—all "volunteers" in the cause of law and order, and all acting as private citizens on their own time.

With John R. Flynn, his assistant, Ness rushed into the gasoline station headquarters of the besiegers. A gold badge glistened from his camel's hair overcoat.

Ness Gets In

Soon after, in the darkness, four-score armed men, led by the unarmed Ness, came marching in a solid phalanx toward the club. At the entrance, Mr. Ness and his men stepped aside.

The constables bashed in the unlocked door and blinked in the glaring light inside. They blinked again, seemingly surprised that the thousands of dollars worth of gambling paraphernalia had disappeared.

They held shotguns, revolvers and tear-gas guns in readiness, but Patton, Hebebrand and their score of henchmen offered no resistance. The battle was won.

Once inside the deserted club Mr. Cullitan declared:

"Our objective was to close the place, and we have done it."

Then he proceeded to arrest Patton, Hebebrand and Gallagher. Gallagher was nowhere to be seen. Patton and Hebebrand asked to be allowed to get their coats.

The two gamblers got their coats, stepped to a window and dropped 10 feet to the ground. Then they got into their cars and drove away.

While refusing to criticize Sheriff Sulzmann, Mr. Ness explained that

he did not take part in the raid, but merely was on hand "because the prosecutor was on a spot, and I couldn't let him down."

"Cullitan said the situation was serious, and, from what I saw later, I don't think he exaggerated a bit," declared Mr. Ness.

"I don't think there is any doubt but that if Cullitan had gone into the Harvard club early in the evening, he would have been murdered."

Asked what he, when faced with similar situations as a federal man, had done, Mr. Ness said: "We went in." He revealed how he had called Sulzmann's chief jailer and told him that the prosecutor's life was being threatened.

Got "Home Rule" Answer

"The chief jailer, Murphy, said it was outside of his jurisdiction," the safety director related, "but he agreed to call the sheriff. He came back with the 'home rule' answer."

"I told Cullitan that we'd guard him wherever he wanted to go, but we would not assist in the raid. I went inside the place only after trouble started, and there was plenty of it."

At the Thomas club in Maple Heights the raid led by Cullitan was far more decisive and far less spectacular.

Mr. Cullitan and his constables, short of patience, broke down the door and rushed in upon hundreds of customers—men and women. Employees of the club and the Miller brothers discreetly mingled with the patrons, and there were no arrests.

Much gambling equipment, however, was confiscated, including 13 slot machines, three roulette layouts, seven dice tables and four chuck-a-luck cages and tables, besides silver money totaling about \$1,000.

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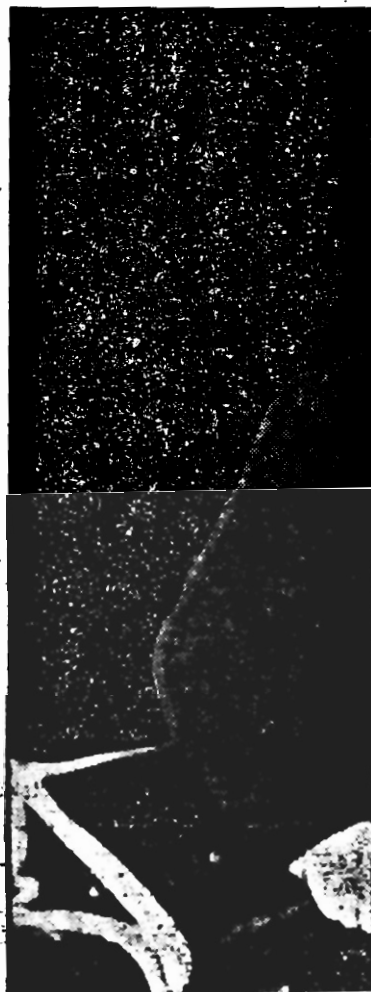
SIGHT HAS AS JAFSIE

Nab Those Gamblers! Ness Edict

Orders to pick up on sight five of the six operators of the Harvard and Thomas clubs were issued to police today by Safety Director Ness at the request of County Prosecutor Cullitan, who led raids which closed both gambling places last night.

Mr. Cullitan, who left Sheriff Sulzmann out of his confidence in planning the raids, again passed up the sheriff in asking Director Ness

'JAFSIE'



Hunt New Spots

PLANS were under way today for the opening of a new Thomas club in Geauga county and a new Harvard club in Portage county.

The Thomas club, according to reports, will open as soon as its paraphernalia is returned, in a large place already remodeled just beyond Geauga Lake park.

The Harvard club is said to be ready to take over the old York club on the Northfield-Akron rd.

to round up the fugitives who escaped during the raids. Those for whom city police are searching are:

James "Shimmy" Patton, Arthur Hebebrand and Dan T. Gallagher, owners of the Harvard club in

Dave Miller to Give Up

A third Miller brother, Dave, informed Mr. Cullitan he will give himself up Monday to Justice of the Peace John C. Calhoun at Cleveland Heights, who has issued warrants.

The prosecutor, his job of closing the two notorious gaming resorts done, offered no criticism either of Sheriff Sulzmann's refusal to help, or of the lethargy of Newburg Heights and Maple Heights officials in failing to close the clubs.

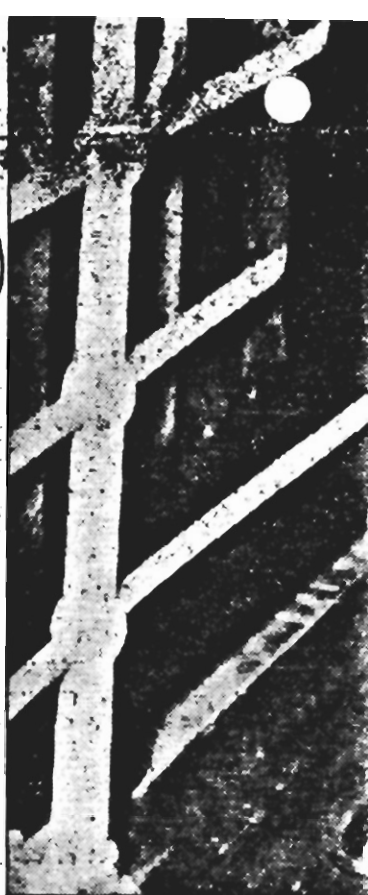
He appeared content that his surprise raids had dealt organized gambling its biggest blow in years and had left barren rooms where for five years the gambling coterie has catered to thousands of suckers who journeyed outside the corporate limits of Cleveland to try their luck.

As a result of murderous threats made against Mr. Cullitan by the gamblers, Director Ness ordered police patrols to watch the prosecutor's home as a safeguard against retaliation.

It was Mr. Ness who, when Sheriff Sulzmann, from his sickbed, refused to send aid to Cullitan, took the bull by the horns and led 33 Cleveland police officers and men to the Harvard club to protect Cullitan from possible violence.

Mayor Burton revealed that Mr. Ness and his squad went outside the city with his full sanction, and after the mayor and safety director had

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'It Can't Happen Here!'

But It Did—Here's Story Of Gamblers' Defiance

BY HOWARD BEAUFAIT

Standing on the sidelines when the drama at the Harvard club was taking place yesterday would have been an illuminating lesson for any taxpayer or citizen of Cuyahoga county.

It would have provided an accurate appraisal of the attitude the "big time" gambling fraternity holds for the forces of law and order in this county.

An observer on the sidelines would have seen one of those performances which, in the words of Sinclair Lewis, one might say: "It Can't Happen Here."

But it did happen here.

It happened just as darkness was descending upon the community of Cleveland and its suburbs. It happened in the suburb known as Newburg Heights village.

Trying to piece together the fragments of that drama isn't easy, but it went something like this.

The time was about 4:40 when Assistant County Prosecutor McNamee led a force of deputies across the open space which flanks the Harvard club. It was to be a 'raid' similar to that which had just an-

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Three Men.

Three men holding public office in this community are under popular appraisal as a result of Friday night's raids on the Thomas and Harvard Clubs, suburban gambling resorts:

1—Frank T. Cullitan, county prosecutor, who after exhausting every peaceful means to close these clubs, led a company of special constables to raid and put them permanently out of business.

2—Elliot Ness, Cleveland director of safety, who led 30 trained volunteers to aid Cullitan when the proprietors and armed guards defied the law and refused admission to the process servers.

3—John M. Sulzmann, sheriff of Cuyahoga County, who refused to perform his sworn duty to enforce the laws, even when demand was made on him by Cullitan and at a moment when the lives of the prosecutor and his constables were menaced by gunmen guarding the Harvard Club.

The community appraises Cullitan and Ness as public officials true to their duty and courageous to carry it out.

The community appraises Sulzmann as an officer who, chosen by the electorate to enforce the law, proves himself in the emergency to be faithless to his duty and his oath. It is no new appraisal for the sheriff of Cuyahoga.

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Two More Bremer Kidnaping Case Figures on Trial



(Associated Press Wirephotos)
HARRY SAWYER (left) and William Weaver are now on trial in St. Paul, charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, two years ago. These pictures were made in their cells between trial sessions. Cassius McDonald also is on trial.

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Bremer's Ransom in Black Bag

ST. PAUL, Jan. 10. (AP)—Money carried in a black bag by members of the Barker-Karpis gang was from the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, kidnaped St. Paul banker, Edna ("Rabbits") Murray testified today she was told by her sweetheart, Volney Davis, one of the gangsters.

Her testimony was given at the trial in federal court here of Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, William Weaver, gangster, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, all charged with conspiracy in the Bremer abduction, which took place January 17, 1934.

Mrs. Murray was brought as a government witness from the Missouri state prison, where she is serving twenty-seven years for robbery.

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GUNMEN'S MOLLS TESTIFY IN CASE

Four Most Notorious 'Pen-
itentiary Widows' Are
Guests of U. S.

Universal Service.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 12 (U.S.)—Four of
gangland's most notorious "peniten-
tiary widows," who at one time or
another found St. Paul a pleasant
place to play around with gunmen
sweethearts are back here again this
time as guests of the United States
government.

Through their testimony in the
Bremer kidnaping conspiracy trial
they are "paying off" in damning
evidence for the faithlessness of
their former consorts.

Once the confidantes of the na-
tion's most desperate criminals
these four—three of them brought
from prisons to testify at the trial
of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver
and Cassius McDonald—are the daily
recipients of baleful glares from the
defendants as they relate the goings-
on of the Barker-Karpis kidnap and
bandit gang during its heyday in
1933 and 1934.

That was before and immediately
after the gang kidnaped Edward G.
Bremer, president of the Commercial
State bank, thereby incurring the
wrath of the federal bureau of in-
vestigation.

Face Police Guns.

Two of the four women were left
behind to face the guns of police
raiding squads at Atlantic City, N. J.,
by Alvin Karpis, now the nation's
public enemy No. 1, and Harry
Campbell, another of the Barker-
Karpis mobsters, when they fled a
trap a year ago.

These two are Dolores Delaney,
Karpis' "moll," and Wynona Bur-
dette. A few weeks after her cap-
ture Dolores, a St. Paul girl, gave
birth to Karpis' son.

Dolores is serving a five-year sen-
tence for "harboring fugitives," at
a federal detention home for women
at Milan, Mich.

Wynona likewise was brought to
St. Paul from the Milan prison.

It was Wynona's testimony, at the
first trial of a number of Bremer
kidnaping indictees, that played an
important part in convicting Arthur
(Doc) Barker and four of his mates.

Serves Life Term.

Third of the women is Edna (Hul-
bits) Murray, once the intimate of
Volney Davis, who now is serving
a life term after pleading guilty to
the kidnaping. Her testimony can't
hurt Davis—but the government is
using her dramatic story to convict
Sawyer, once St. Paul's underworld
kingpin, the alleged finger man in the
Bremer case, and Weaver, Barker-
Karpis machine gunner.

Edna was brought here from the
Missouri women's reformatory, where
she is serving a 27-year term.

Her testimony regarding gang ac-
tivities before the "snatching" Janu-
ary 17, 1934, and after, when the
\$200,000 ransom money was being
"split," wiped earlier smiles of con-
fidence from the faces of both Weav-
er and Sawyer. It was the first time
the government had attempted to
show Sawyer's connection with the
crime.

Last of the four is Myrtle Eaton,
also a St. Paul woman. Once she was
the legal wife of Clarence (Doc)
Eaton, convicted bank bandit who
was pardoned when other criminals
confessed the crime for which he
was sentenced.

It was at her apartment, the gov-
ernment charges, that a part of the
Bremer "snatch" was planned.

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TWO CUBAN BROKERS TELL OF MONEY CHANGING BY

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M'DONALD

Testimony Would Show Exchange Of Bremer Ransom Cash

Further testimony tending to show that Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, exchanged large sums of money for Cuban was heard when the trial of three men in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap case resumed in federal court late today.

Rene Bolivar, Cuban broker, who this morning said McDonald had exchanged approximately \$92,000 of American money for gold, said that when he completed his last transaction with McDonald the latter said there would be "some more money later," but never returned. Juan P. Ruiz, partner of Mr. Bolivar, corroborated the broker's testimony.

It was pointed out that the rate of exchange at the time referred to was \$1.66 of American money for \$1 of Cuban gold.

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M'DONALD GOT GOLD FOR BILLS, CUBAN ASSERTS

Exchanged From \$92,000 to
\$93,000, in 1934, Bremer
Witness Says.

METAL THEN SWITCHED BACK TO CURRENCY FORM

Cassius McDonald of Detroit, alleged money passer in the Bremer kidnap case, changed from \$92,000 to \$93,000 in Havana in September, 1934, a Cuban witness testified today in Federal District court.

Another witness testified that McDonald was in Havana with a man named William J. Harrison, alleged by the government to be "Willie" Harrison, kidnap mob aid.

The testimony was given in the trial of McDonald, Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, and William Weaver, gangster, all charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The witness who testified to McDonald's money changing activities was Rene Bolivar, Havana gold and silver broker.

Bolivar said he was introduced to McDonald by his partner, Juan P. Ruiz. He said McDonald was introduced to him as "Mr. O'Brien." However, he pointed out McDonald in court as the man in question.

Bolivar said that on September 5, 1934, he and Ruiz accompanied McDonald to the Mercantile Nacional a "gold house." There, he asserted, McDonald bought \$6,000 in Cuban gold, paying for it with \$10,000 in American bills, the difference in price being due to the rate of exchange.

The Cuban said McDonald made the payment with \$5 and \$10 bills. The Bremer ransom was paid in bills of those denominations.

From the Mercantile Nacional, the trio went to a gold and silver exchange called La Dichosa, where McDonald paid over the \$10,000 in

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M'DONALD GOT GOLD FOR BILLS, JURY TOLD

Cuban Testifies He Assisted
Detroit Man to Exchange
\$92,000.

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\$5 and \$10 American bills for an additional \$6,000 in Cuban gold.

"Got \$150 Commission."

Bolivar said he received a commission of \$150 for the transactions of which McDonald paid him \$120. He said McDonald took the money from a brief case filled with packages of bills. There was \$1,000 in each package, the Cuban said.

After purchasing the gold, McDonald left Bolivar and Ruiz but met them again about an hour later in the Cafe Europa, the witness continued.

"This time he said he wanted to resell his gold, even if he had to sell it for a lower price," Bolivar testified.

"We went to several banks but Mr. McDonald got the best quotations at the Nacional City bank. He sold the gold there for new American bills of \$1,000 and \$100 denominations."

Bolivar then testified that he saw McDonald again a few days later in the Cafe Europa.

"This time he wanted to exchange between \$72,000 and \$73,000 for big bills," Bolivar said. The witness said he made arrangements for the transaction with Manuel Zalacain at the Chase National bank and then went to McDonald's room in the Hotel Nacional.

He said that McDonald this time was occupying a suite and he found another man there reading a newspaper. When he entered the other man left and he did not have a chance to observe him.

The witness said the money was lying on the bed in packages.

Accepted Reduced Fee.

"We went to the Chase National bank and saw Mr. Zalacain but he wanted 30 cents a hundred dollars to make the exchange," Bolivar said.

"McDonald thought that was too much and Zalacain came down to 20 cents. They made the transaction at this rate."

"McDonald was carrying some of the money wrapped up in a newspaper and some of it in his brief case. In exchange for the money, he received mostly \$1,000 bills."

"It took an hour and a half to count the bills and, while this was being done, McDonald said he was one of several persons who were going to purchase a race track at Havana. There is a race track, the Orientale, a little way outside the city."

Bolivar added that McDonald paid him and Ruiz \$200 for their part in the transaction.

Trip Records Produced.

Through testimony of William Eyster, assistant district immigration director at Jacksonville, Fla., the government produced records showing airplane and steamship trips made by McDonald in September, 1934, and on two occasions accompanied by William Harrison, former St. Louis, Mo., golf professional killed supposedly by members of the Barker-Karpis mob.

Everett Jennings of Chicago, counsel for McDonald, admitted during the questioning of witnesses by George Heise, assistant U. S. district attorney, that McDonald made airplane and steamship trips between Miami and Havana.

Roy McCord, former radio operator for Northwest Airlines, who was shot and seriously wounded four days before the Bremer kidnaping, was called in as a witness by the government, again interrupting the procedure. McCord is now stationed at the Red Wing, Minn., airport.

The government contends it was members of the Barker-Karpis mob that wounded McCord January 13,

1934. Thinking he was an officer because of his radio operator's uniform, two men and a woman in a car he followed began shooting, it is alleged. The government believes it was Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Mrs. Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit," who were in the gangsters' car.

The government put McCord on the stand merely to establish that he was shot and wounded January 13, 1934.

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Government Puts Witnesses On Stand To Show McDonald Changed \$92,000 In Cuba

Claims It Was Part Of Money Received In Bremer Kid- naping.

Turning its guns on Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial today, the government introduced testimony that McDonald exchanged some \$92,000 worth of money in Cuba.

The government contends that this money, exchanged at a loss for McDonald, was part of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom.

A parade of Cuban bank and hotel employees took the stand and testified that:

McDonald made three trips to Havana in September, 1934, one of them with Willie Harrison, slain Barker-Karpis mobster.

On one trip he exchanged \$20,000 worth of American currency for \$12,000 in gold; then, on the same day, had the gold changed back to American currency at a slight loss.

On another trip he exchanged \$72,000 in American money in small bills for virtually the same amount in \$1,000, \$100 and \$50 bills. He was charged 20 cents on the hundred for exchange.

Earlier in the day, the government called to the stand Roy McCord, radio operator, who was shot Jan. 13, 1934 near Portland ave. and St. Albans st. G-men contend that Mr. McCord, wearing a Northwest Airlines uniform, was mistaken for a policeman when he and friends sought to investigate movements of

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Government Trains Guns On McDonald

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a suspicious car. Gangsters were nesting in the neighborhood at that time.

Broker Testifies.

Testimony as to McDonald's money-changing activities came from Rene Bolivar, a Havana broker. After identifying McDonald in court, he said he met him in September 1934 in Havana and that they went to "Mirig and Guas, who sell gold."

Q. Why did you take him there?

A. We bought \$6,000 worth of gold.

Q. Who paid for it?

A. McDonald in American \$5 and \$10 bills.

Q. How much was paid for it?

A. \$10,000 for \$6,000 in Cuban gold.

He then told how they went to another place and carried out a similar operation. He said that after the two gold-buying trips McDonald left him saying that he wanted to see about selling the gold back, "even at a loss."

He then testified that they went to a bank, sold the gold back, McDonald receiving \$1,000 and \$100 bills. He said that after the transaction had been completed McDonald told him he had about \$72,000 more in American money that he wanted to exchange for big bills. He then told about the subsequent exchange trip.

First testimony linking the names of McDonald and Harrison, whose charred body was found in a barr near Ontarioville, Ill., last January came from William W. Eyster, immigration officer at Jacksonville Fla., who testified that the passenger list of a plane which McDonald took to Havana Sept. 9, 1934, also bore the name of Harrison.

James T. Ennis, clerk at the Hotel Nacional, Havana, testified that McDonald on that day attempted to register at the hotel as "C. McDonald and party." The witnesses said that, informed that such registrations were in violation of the law McDonald registered for himself and that another man then signed the register, "William Harrison."

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They paid \$30 a day for a suite of rooms, the witness said, and checked out Sept. 11.

Mr. Ennis, however, failed to identify a photograph of Harrison as the other man.

Mr. Eyster testified that, in addition to the trip to Cuba Sept. 9, McDonald made two previous trips, one Sept. 2, 1934; the other by seaplane Sept. 4.

Identify McDonald.

On trial with McDonald on conspiracy to kidnap are Harry Sawyer, once underworld overlord in St. Paul, and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, Barker-Karpis trigger-man.

Asked if they could identify McDonald, they pointed him out in the courtroom.

Third witness called was Gerald Hernandez, bellhop at Hotel Nazionale, who also pointed out McDonald and said he was the man he had shown to a suite of rooms. He was unable, however, to identify positively a photo of Harrison as the other man.

During the questioning of the witnesses, McDonald, apparently was framing his own cross-examination, for, during direct examination of the men, he scribbled hurriedly on paper and handed it to his counsel.

Twelve Cubans, including hotel and bank employees and six employees of a Miami hotel are among witnesses the government has brought here to testify against McDonald.

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**M'DONALD
PLANNED BOND
TRADE IN CUBA,
BREMER JURY
INFORMED**

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TALKS IN HAVANA HOTEL RELATED BY FOREIGN WITNESS

Testimony that Cassius McDonald, consulting engineer of Detroit, Mich., after allegedly exchanging \$84,000 of American money for Cuban gold and Cuban currency, also had stated he would return with bonds for exchange, was given in the trial of McDonald and two others this afternoon on kidnap conspiracy charges.

Resuming the stand in the case of McDonald, Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, the Cuban witness, Rene Bolivar, Havana broker, testified that the remark was made when he returned to McDonald's room at a hotel in Havana after exchanging \$5 and \$10 bills for the Cuban money.

Asked by George Helsey, assistant United States district attorney, what conversation took place between him and McDonald, Bolivar said:

"He said he also had some bonds he wanted to cash, but he never did return."

Under cross-examination by Everett Jennings of Chicago, counsel for McDonald, the Havana broker said it was not unusual to exchange American money for gold or for Cuban currency.

A University of Minnesota instructor, Emilio Carlos LeFort of Minneapolis, was called by the prosecution as an interpreter for some of the Cubans who cannot speak English.

With Prof. LeFort as interpreter, Juan P. Ruiz, Havana broker, was called as a government witness and told of trips he, McDonald and Bolivar made to gold and silver exchange markets and to banks to trade the American money.

Earlier, the government brought from witnesses testimony that McDonald made frequent trips between Miami, Fla., and Havana and on one trip back and forth he was accompanied by a man named William Harrison. The government contends that the Harrison who traveled with McDonald is the Barker-Karpis gangster who was slain, supposedly by members of his own gang because he "knew too much."

McDonald, a Havana room clerk testified this morning, checked into the hotel and out at the same time as "Mr. William Harrison." One of the witnesses identified the gangster as the man "resembling" McDonald's companion.

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USE OF INTERPRETER SLOWS BREMER CASE

**Cubans Telling of McDonald's
Alleged Money Transfers
Speak No English.**

With an interpreter translating the testimony of two Cuban witnesses, the Bremer kidnaping trial moved slowly Monday afternoon as the government continued to trace the transactions in Havana through which it contends that Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, changed between \$92,000 and \$93,000 of the \$200,000 ransom in the case.

Besides McDonald, the defendants include Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, all on trial in Federal court here for the abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker. The government's attack Monday, however, was centered wholly on the Detroit engineer.

At the morning session, evidence was introduced to show that McDonald made three trips to Havana in September, 1934. Then Rene Bolivar, Havana money broker, took the stand and told how McDonald paid \$20,000 in American bills for \$12,000 in gold Cuban pesos on September 5 of that year. A few days later, he said, the defendant again appeared and changed between \$72,000 and \$73,000 in small American bills for American bills of large denominations.

The witnesses stated that, after the latter transaction, McDonald

also said he had some bonds to exchange for cash.

"But he never did return," the Cuban added.

The Cubans who testified in the morning all spoke English fluently. At the afternoon session, however, it was necessary for the government to enlist the services of E. C. LeFort, instructor in Spanish at the University of Minnesota, as interpreter. With the defense attorneys sat Manuel Saavedra, a native of Spain and former resident of Cuba, now a student at Marshall high school in Minneapolis.

Following Bolivar, the prosecution called his partner, Juan Pedro Ruiz, who corroborated his testimony by outlining the same transactions. This witness spoke in Spanish and his testimony was translated by LeFort.

The next witness was Faustino Munoz, cashier of the Mercantile Nacional, Havana gold and silver changing firm, where McDonald is alleged to have purchased \$6,000 in Cuban gold for \$10,000 in American bills.

The government plans to continue its attack on McDonald today and establish, if possible, that the money exchanged by him was Bremer ransom money.

KARPIS' FATHER HERE

An interested spectator at the Bremer kidnap trial Monday was John Karpavicz of Chicago, father of Alvin Karpis, who is known as the nation's No. 1 public enemy.

Karpis, whose true name is Karpavicz, is under indictment as the leader of the gang that kidnaped Bremer. He still is uncaptured. Federal agents said the government did not plan to call the father as a witness.

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\$14,000 FOUND ON SLAIN BARKER, MOTHER TO BE BREMER

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EVIDENCE

U. S. SEEKS TO SHOW BILLS OBTAINED BY 'PEDDLER' M'DONALD

Fourteen thousand dollars, mostly in bills of \$1,000 denomination, which was found in possession of Freddie Barker and his mother, "Ma" Kate Barker, when they were slain in Florida by Federal agents a year ago, will be produced by the government in the Bremer kidnap trial as evidence against one of three defendants, the Associated Press learned this afternoon.

The government will attempt to show, federal officials admitted, that the money represented bills obtained by Cassius McDonald, the Detroit consulting engineer, who is accused of being the "peddler" of approximately one-half of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, Cubans on Stand.

The government already has produced a dozen witnesses from Havana, Cuba, many of whom have identified McDonald as the American who exchanged bills of \$5 and \$10 denomination (the same as paid for Bremer's release). On trial with McDonald are Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, the latter a

Of the \$14,000 found on the Barkers after a five-hour shooting battle last January at Oklawaha, Fla., \$4,000 was concealed in a belt worn by Freddie Barker, while the remaining \$10,000 was on the person of his mother. Freddie Barker, his brother, Arthur (Doc) Barker and Alvin Karpis, the latter still at large, are named by the government as leaders of the Barker-Karpis mob which kidnaped the 38-year-old bank president.

McDonald Seen as 'Peddler.'

The government, federal officials admitted, intends to produce evidence in an effort to show that it was McDonald who brought to this country bills of large denomination and gave them to certain members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Resuming the stand this afternoon for cross-examination by the defense attorney for McDonald, Everett Jennings of Chicago, was Eusebio Dominguez, cashier of the National City bank of Havana. Dominguez testified earlier that his bank received five packages of bills totaling \$2,500, made up entirely of \$10 denominations, from the Mercantile Nacional, a gold and silver exchange.

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CUBAN BANKER SUSPICIOUS IN GOLD EXCHANGE

Willingness of Man Identified
as McDonald to Sell Under
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FINANCIER TESTIFIES IN BREMER KIDNAP TRIAL

Testifying as a government witness in the Bremer kidnaping trial, a Cuban banker told a federal court jury today in St. Paul that he became suspicious of the exchange of \$12,000 in gold for \$1,000 American bills by a man he identified as Casius McDonald, Detroit engineer, "because the American was willing to sell below the market price."

C. F. Elsner, submanager of the National City bank in Havana, described the transaction involving the exchange of the Cuban gold for \$20,101.88 for American money. McDonald and two others, Harry Sawyer of St. Paul and William Weaver, gangster, are on trial as conspirators in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Banker Tells Story.

Elsner's assertion that he "became suspicious" drew vigorous objection from Everett Jennings, Chicago, counsel for McDonald, but the banker was allowed by the court to tell his story.

"On account of the rate of exchange for which McDonald was willing to sell being below the market, I got suspicious and I thought something might be wrong with the gold," Elsner testified, "so I told my secretary to let me know when the man got here with the gold."

Previously, Elsner explained he received a telephone call from Juan P. Ruiz, Havana broker, telling him an American wanted to exchange gold for currency. Elsner said he was informed in the telephone call that the American had \$14,000 in gold but actually brought \$12,000 worth to the bank.

Identifies McDonald.

Elsner identified McDonald, who stood up, as the American who, accompanied by Ruiz and Rene Bolivar, another broker, brought the gold to the bank.

Elsner, on direct examination by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, brought out that the rate of exchange that day was \$1.68½ for gold whereas he was informed the American was willing to dispose of the gold at

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\$1.67½. In Monday's testimony, some witnesses disclosed that McDonald paid an exchange rate of \$1.66 when he purchased the gold with the government claims, \$5 and \$10 American bills.

The Bremer ransom money was paid in bills of these denominations.

Following Elsner on the stand was Jose M. Zalacain, head of the exchange department at the Chase National bank in Havana. He testified concerning a transaction September 10, 1934, when he received \$72,000 in small bills and paid for it in bills of large denominations. He said the bills he paid out were all of \$1,000 denominations. Zalacain said he made the transaction with Bolivar.

Again in the court room today was John Karpavicz of Chicago, father of Alvin Karpis, who still is sought as the leader of the Barker-Karpis mob which the government claims engineered the Bremer kidnaping.

The next witness, Joseph Garrido, head of the Tellers and Accountants department of the Chase National bank in Havana, identified McDonald as a man to whom he gave bills of large denomination in exchange for \$72,000 in small bills on September 10, 1934.

The witness said McDonald was joking and telling funny stories during the transaction. When Garrido asked why he had so many small bills, McDonald said he and some associates were going to open a horse track, the witness said.

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Karpis' Dad at Trial, But 'Too Old to Testify'

**"Don't Want to Talk," Says
Father of Public Enemy No.
1 at Kidnap Court.**

John Karpavicz, father of Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, "won't talk."

He said so today to reporters who tried to interview him outside the Federal court in which three defendants are being tried for the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, a crime which the government contends was staged by Karpis' mob.

Mr. Karpavicz, an elderly man of small stature, simply shook his head and smiled in reply to all questions.

Asked if he would pose for a picture, he grinned and said "I'm too old."

Asked if he was going to be a witness in the trial, he smiled again and said, "I'm too old."

In reply to all questions about his son he smiled, shook his head and said nothing. His response was the same when asked if he was enjoying the trial.

"I don't want to talk," was his longest reply to anything. He lives in Chicago.



JOHN KARPAVICZ.

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Trace Bremer Ransom Deals

Attempt To Link McDonald To Swaps

Met at every turn by strenuous objections from the defense, the federal government this afternoon attempted to prove that Bremer ransom money, discovered in a bank in Havana, was that turned over to the bank by Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor.

McDonald, with William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver and Harry Sawyer, is on trial in federal court here for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer. The government contends that McDonald "cooled" \$92,000 of the \$200,000 ransom in Cuba.

Earlier in the day a parade of Cuban bank employees took the stand, testifying as to McDonald's mysterious money-changing activities in Havana in September, 1934.

One of them, Eusebio Dominguez, cashier of the National City bank in Havana, testified that shortly after McDonald carried on his gold-changing operations in Havana some of the Bremer ransom appeared at the bank.

He testified that G-men, checking deposits, had discovered that Bremer ransom was among the bank's deposits at the time that McDonald had bought gold in Havana with small bills; then changed the \$12,000 in gold back to currency at a

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Bremer Cash Appeared In Havana Bank

**Deposits Made At Time
 McDonald Was There,
 Cuban Cashier Testi-
 fies.**

Bremer ransom money was found among deposits of the National City bank in Havana at the time Cassius McDonald was carrying on money-changing operations in the Cuban capital.

This testimony was given in federal court here today where McDonald, a Detroit contractor, William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, and Harry Sawyer, once underworld overlord in St. Paul, are on trial for kidnap conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Eusebio Dominguez, cashier of the bank, testified that, shortly after McDonald had exchanged \$20,000 in small bills for \$12,000 in gold in September, 1934, the Bremer ransom was found among the bank's deposits by G-men who were in Havana checking serial numbers of the ransom notes.

Cubans Called.

A parade of Cuban bank employees marched to the stand as the government continued its drive to convict McDonald.

Testimony showing how McDonald, in September, 1934, made trips to Cuba and hurriedly exchanged \$92,000 in \$5, \$10 and a few \$20 bills was resumed today. The government contends the money was part of the Bremer ransom and that McDonald's job was to "cool" it in sunny Cuba.

Quick Change.

To the stand today came more witnesses who told how McDonald, after buying \$12,000 in gold in Cuba for \$20,000 quickly changed it at a bank the same day for bills of large denomination. Other witnesses told how later he brought in \$72,000 in small bills, converting them to larger ones.

C. F. Elsner, head of the exchange department of the National City bank in Havana, told of McDonald's sale of gold to the bank Sept. 5, 1934, and pointed McDonald out in the courtroom as the man.

\$72,000 Swapped.

J. M. Zalazain, head of the exchange department of the Chase National bank in Havana, then testified to a transaction on Sept. 10, 1934, in which \$72,000 in small bills were exchanged for large ones. He said the bank charged 20 cents on the hundred.

The head of the accounting department, Joseph Garrido, was next called, and, pointing to McDonald in the courtroom, said that he was the man with whom the transfer had been effected.

Q. Did McDonald say why he was in Cuba?

A. He said he was about to open a race track but that work had stopped and he would open an account with us later.

Asked what denominations of bills were given McDonald he said: "I don't just remember, but they were big ones."

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Little Old Dad Karpis, Here For Trial, Not Proud Of Son

Father Karpis Not Proud Of Gunman Son

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Avoids Publicity; Comes Only To See Girl Who Bore His Grandson Year Ago.

Just inside the entrance of courtroom No. 1 in the federal courts building where three men are on trial for conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, a little old man sat huddled in his chair.

For more than an hour he sat there, unnoticed, his bright pinpoint eyes trying to pierce through the mists of memory to see if he could recognize any of the men or women in the room. Eagerly he listened to every bit of testimony.

Then someone said to a newsman, "Know who he is?" He's John Karpavicz.

John Karpavicz! The father of America's No. 1 public enemy, Alvin Karpavicz, alias Alvin Karpis.

Immediately he was besieged by newshawks.

"Why?" he queried timidly in a voice that sounded like the wind blowing through the dead-brown leaves of autumn, "do you fellows haunt me?"

But John Karpavicz is unlike the wizened John Dillinger, Sr., who, half-proud that his son had made the name of Dillinger famous, would pose at the drop of a hat for news-reel or news photographers, make personal appearances on the stage, talk long and willingly about his son.

All John Karpavicz would say was, "You don't think for a minute that I'm proud of my son? You don't think I'll stand for an interview?"

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You don't think I'll let you take pictures of me?" He wagged his head solemnly, "Well, I won't."

John Karpavicz made it quite clear that he is hiding, not, like his son, from the federal authorities, but from newspapermen. He was not here as a witness either for the government or any of the three defendants, Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald or William Weaver.

As a matter of fact, he said that he knew none of them, but had asked a reporter to point each of them out to him in court.

He is here to see Dolores Delaney, mother of Raymond Karpis, grandson of John Karpavicz. Raymond, who was born with the clatter of machine-gun fire almost ringing his ears, will be 1-year old on Feb. 1. He was born into gangland's world but a short time after his father and Harry Campbell had shot their way out of a police trap at Atlantic City, leaving behind their "molls," the Delaney girl and Wynona Burdette. The girls, witnesses in the trial, are serving terms at the Michigan, federal detention home for harboring fugitives.

Meanwhile little Raymond Karpavicz, who is being reared by his grandfather in Chicago, will never be told about his father. Mr. Karpavicz is going to try to "raise him up to be a useful citizen."

"That's the best way, after isn't it?" the old man asked.

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Shivers Speed St. Paul Trial

Cubans, Florida Negroes
Ask to Testify Quickly
in Bremer Case

St. Paul, Minn. - (AP) - Because 12 shivering Cubans are cold and homesick, the government will alter the order of its prosecution of three defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Instead of being called as witnesses the latter part of the week, they are to be placed on the stand Monday and returned to their sunny Havana as soon as their testimony is completed.

For the same reasons, the Cubans probably will be followed on the stand by five negroes brought here from Miami, Fla.

Both groups will be called to testify regarding the alleged activities of Cassius McDonald in reputedly changing \$83,000 of the Bremer ransom money. Originally, the government planned first to complete its case against Harry Sawyer and William Weaver.

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Cuban Describes McDonald's Deals Says Kidnap Suspect Changed U. S. Bills

ST. PAUL, Jan. 13 — (A. P.)—Rene Bolivar, a broker, of Havana, Cuba, testifying in the trial of Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, and two others on charges of conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, told of trips he made with McDonald to banks and gold trading markets.

He testified that McDonald on two occasions changed a total of \$20,000 in American \$5 and \$10 bills for \$12,000 in Cuban gold.

Later, he said, he took McDonald to the Chase National Bank in Havana and there helped him exchange \$72,000 in American bills for bills of \$1,000, \$100 and \$50 denominations. Bolivar said that McDonald paid him a \$200 commission, as well as 20 cents per \$100 for the money exchanged.

The Government contends that the money was part of the Bremer ransom.

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NESS ROASTS SULZMANN'S DENIAL OF AID

'Never Met Sheriff, but I
Know Him Now,' He
Tells Alumni.

RAIDS 'JUST A START'

Director Urges Good Citi-
zens to Do Full Duty.

The raids that closed the Harvard and Thomas Clubs, spectacular as they were and serious as the resistance of the Harvard Club might have been, mark only a beginning, Safety Director Eliot Ness said in his first public speech, made yesterday at the Cleveland Athletic Club before the Odovene Club, composed of Ohio Wesleyan University alumni.

"I did not know Sheriff Sulzmann excepting through the newspapers," Ness said. "I haven't met him yet, but I consider I know him thoroughly since his refusal to send deputies to the aid of County Prosecutor Cullitan."

"When John Flynn, my assistant director, went to County Jail he found six deputies just sitting—perhaps waiting for the millennium. He got no satisfaction from Jailer Murphy. Neither did I. We both pointed out Mr. Cullitan's plight, and we both got the answer: 'The sheriff stands by his home rule policy—he must have a request from the mayor of Newburg Heights.'

"'It Can't Happen Here,' the title of one of our best sellers, would be true locally if applied to the sheriff rescuing the prosecuting attorney. Hence the recent raids became news here, although they would not have been news in many cities."

"I want to say seriously to you and to all of the better element, that we must have the public with us. That means good citizens must not neglect their full duty."

Ness told the story of the Harvard Club raid, explaining that he wished to present a picture of the police force that would offset much unfavorable publicity. He said that when he went to Central Police Station and asked for volunteers not a man refused to accompany him, although by accompanying him on a mission outside the city limits policemen stood in danger of losing their lives and forfeiting pensions for their families.

Prosecutor 'Besieged.'

"We found Prosecutor Cullitan hemmed in at a gas station by a crowd in which were many tough-looking 'birds,'" Ness continued.

"While the prosecutor and his deputies were laying siege to the Har-

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vard Club the prosecutor himself was besieged. I would be unable to exaggerate the gravity of the situation. Even my fullest powers of description could not give you the picture as it was.

"I told our driver to open up his siren and split a way through the crowd. Then I told Mr. Cullitan that we could not participate in a raid because the Harvard Club was outside the city. I added, however: 'We are here to protect you, and to do that we must go where you go.' We started for the club. We had tear-gas guns for use in case a felony should start—you know an old law gives any citizen the right to make an arrest if a felony is committed in his presence."

"About the time we got ready a newspaper man came bounding out and told us the tough 'babies' inside were ready for trouble. That was a welcome sound, because we were afraid we were missing something."

"I tell you, seriously, gentlemen, I

never saw such a situation, not even when, in the government service, I lived with the Mafia or raided repeatedly the Capone outfit. Those fellows at the Harvard Club are called gamblers, but they certainly have learned the technique of gangsters. I am confident that if Cullitan had gone in there he would be dead today. They were not bluffing, but meant business."

Would Curb Gangsters?

Ness was loudly applauded at his next utterance: "What makes me son is that Cleveland and vicinity should have got into such a condition. It is high time gangster boldness was curbed. If this affair had been within the territorial limits of Cleveland, where we have authority, we would have fought it out. As it was, we did the job as diplomatically as possible. There never was a question of the right of Prosecutor Cullitan and his deputies to enter that club, armed, as they were, with proper papers from a justice court."

Ness said the gang inside the club was openly defiant and that the police outside with him were "just aching for something to happen."

"The club house is a large building and when we got inside the Harvard men (laughter) retreated into another room," he went on. "I looked through a hole and saw one big fellow with a revolver. I told Cullitan I thought gas was what we ought to use. Just then a man detached himself from our crowd, went into that other room and undoubtedly gave the warning."

"We took possession of a machine gun nest up above and commanding the place. Before that we weren't certain whether we would be 'mowed down' as had been threatened. Haba-brand (Arthur Hebebrand, Harvard Club co-proprietor) had said to Cullitan: 'If an arrest is made you won't go out of here alive.' I don't believe he was kidding. In view of all the circumstances, I think Mr. Cullitan used excellent judgment."

"Now, what about it? We hear the man on the street asking what harm there is in gambling. Now, I'm not a reformer, but let me tell you one or two things. Those gamblers said they had a 'gold mine' out there. I am told that for \$80,000 to \$70,000 to change hands in one evening was not unusual."

What Effect on Business?

"Is there any effect from that on legitimate business, do you think? At the Thomas Club I understand they had a special window at which to cash relief checks. Those birds were just preying on suckers. They and their hangers-on and higher-ups have been running the town."

"Likewise gangs have been getting incomes from prostitution. Just one fact about that ancient profession—of 117 prostitutes recently brought in, 86 were found to be diseased."

"These gangs build up prestige on lines in which the public is not much interested. If the administration is a wrong one it gets no little financing from the gangster source. There is no compromise possible—either one does get over a fence or he doesn't—and law enforcement is just like that."

Ness said that the police had been kicked around and given a mighty tough assignment with no way in the department for rewarding efficiency; that the busy policeman had little time to study for an examination while the one in an outlying precinct with little to do had time to get all the answers before an examination.

"The only way to improve is to stimulate. I repeat what I said before: We can do nothing without public support and approval."

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TWO CUBANS IDENTIFY MONEY CHANGER IN BREMER KIDNAPING

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 13.—[Special.]—Evidence against Cassius McDonald, Detroit sportsman accused of being the money changer for the Karpis-Barker kidnap gang, piled higher late today in St. Paul federal court.

McDonald, with Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, and Willie Weaver, member of the Karpis-Barker gang, is on trial charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer.

The government placed two Cuban gold brokers on the witness stand late today. The second to corroborate earlier testimony of Rene Bolivar of Havana. Bolivar identified McDonald as having changed \$92,000 worth of United States \$5 and \$10 notes in September, 1934. The government charged this was part of the ransom cash paid for the release of Bremer, St. Paul banker kidnaped in January, 1934.

The corroborating witness was Juan Pedro Ruiz, Bolivar's partner. He identified McDonald as a man whom he knew as "Mr. O'Brien." His testimony was given through an interpreter, E. C. Lefort, University of Minnesota instructor.

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ALLEGED BREMER KIDNAPPERS



Left to right, Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver, who are on trial at St. Paul on charges of conspiring to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was abducted two years ago.

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Man Believed Karpis Escapes in Missouri

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15—(AP)—Police efforts to seize a man, who was reported by a garage operator to resemble Alvin Karpis, the gangster, failed today when the suspect and a companion fled before officers could arrive.

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Karpis' Son Reared For 'Useful' Life

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 14 (U.S.)—Raymond Karpis, son of the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, Alvin Karpis, is going to grow up to be a "useful citizen" if the determination of his gray-haired grandfather, who is rearing him, prevails.

A slight, mild-mannered little man, John Karpavicz sat in court here today at the trial of three men charged with kidnaping Edward G. Bremer, millionaire banker. He was there to talk to Dolores Delaney, mother of Raymond.

Dolores bore Karpis' son a year ago, just after Karpis escaped a trap in Atlantic City. She is now serving a term in a Michigan penitentiary for harboring Karpis.

Grandpa Karpavicz told reporters:

"You don't think I'm proud of my son, do you? But his little boy—I'm going to raise him to be a useful citizen."

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**\$14,000 Found in Slaying
Of Barkers to Enter Trial**

**U. S. Aims to Link \$1,000 Bills
to Bremer Ransom and
McDonald.**

Fifteen \$1,000 bills, fourteen of which were seized after the slaying of Fred Barker and Kate (Ma) Barker, will be offered by the government as evidence in the Edward G. Bremer kidnap trial. Federal officials disclosed Tuesday, as more than a dozen witnesses from Cuba completed testimony.

The government, through the bills, will attempt to link Cassius McDonald, Detroit consulting engineer, as the principal "money-changer" in the exchange of approximately half of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Bremer's freedom. Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, with McDonald, are being tried as conspirators in the kidnaping.

Jose Feijoo, secretary to Joseph Garrido of the Chase National bank in Havana, testified that he counted the \$72,000 in money exchanged for

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CASH FOUND IN SLAYING TO ENTER KIDNAP TRIAL

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larger bills by an American and identified the engineer as the patron.

Eusebio Dominguez, cashier of the National City bank of Havana; Samuel McKee, Department of Justice agent of Cincinnati who investigated the case in Cuba, and H. C. Frazer, manager of the Federal Reserve agency in Havana, the last witnesses Tuesday afternoon, testified concerning the exchange of the ransom money in Cuba.

Bills Discolored.

Dominguez, on direct examination by George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, brought out that a package of \$10 bills containing \$10,000 and a second bundle of \$2,500 of the same denomination were "discolored."

McKee's testimony corroborated that of Dominguez that the bills were "discolored" when he discovered them in Havana. McKee said the bills were "of a dull, grayish color, apparently brought about by being soaked in something."

Robert V. Rensch, of counsel for Sawyer, objected vigorously to McKee's testimony that the bills "were checked against numbers on the ransom lists" but the court overruled him.

The bills about which McKee testified were found in the National City bank of Havana, of which Dominguez is cashier. The Cuban cashier testified that "the bills were marked as though they had been kept somewhere with charcoal."

Dominguez said it was in February, 1935, that McKee called his attention to the bills which the government claims are part of the Bremer ransom.

Quizzed on Money.

Dominguez was questioned by Heisey:

Q. What did you notice, if anything, about that money?

A. The edges were dark.

Q. After you discovered that the edges were dark, what did you do then?

A. I remembered the \$30,000 I had before.

Q. What did you do then?

A. I sent someone to the Cuban

treasury to see whether they still had the \$30,000.

Q. Was any of that money brought back?

A. Yes, \$10,000 was brought back—twenty packages, each of 50 \$10 bills.

Q. In wrapping this money that came from the Chase National bank (where the government claims McDonald exchanged the bills) what kind of wrappers did you use?

A. The same kind (holding up wrappers in his hand).

Q. When the money came back to the bank in February, 1935, did you recognize it?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you check the money when you got it back?

A. Yes.

McKee said that after he found the bills were part of the ransom money he requested it be sent to the Department of Justice for repayment, and the bills subsequently were mutilated by the government and new money issued.

Frazer testified that the bills were punched and cut in two and then sent to Washington. One shipment was made of the upper halves, and later the lower halves were mailed.

The trial will be resumed today.

A number of witnesses also are here from Florida and Georgia and through them the government hopes to show association of the three defendants on trial with members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Some of the government's principal witnesses, remaining to be heard, are Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty as a participant in the kidnaping but has not been sentenced yet; Wynona Burdette, former sweetheart of Harry Campbell, still uncaptured, and Delores Delaney, sweetheart of Karpis. The Burdette and Delaney girls were captured when they were abandoned after Alvin Karpis and Campbell shot their way out of a Federal trap in Atlantic City, N. J., a year ago.

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M'DONALD LINK WITH KIDNAPERS STATED

**Jury Told About Presence of
"Changer" in Havana When
Gang Was There.**

Cassius McDonald, alleged money changer, and the Barker-Karpis kidnap gang were in Miami, at the same time in September, 1934, testimony disclosed today in McDonald's trial in United States District court in St. Paul.

The government contends McDonald disposed of about half of the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnap ransom money and kept in touch with the gang in Miami while commuting to Havana to push money-changing transactions.

McDonald is being tried with Harry Sawyer and William Weaver on a charge of conspiracy in the kidnaping of the St. Paul banker January 17, 1934.

Raymond H. Stager, room clerk of the McAllister hotel, Miami, testified that a man registered there September 1, 1934, as "Cassius McDonald." James W. Tinley, auditor of the same hotel, identified a hotel account of "C. McDonald" from September 8 to 9, 1934.

Francis C. Covell, night clerk of the El Comodoro hotel, Miami, identified pictures of Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney, his sweetheart, Fred Barker, Kate (Ma) Barker, Harry Campbell and William J. Harrison, all connected with the Barker-Karpis gang, as having been guests at the hotel at various times in September, 1934.

Joe Adams, manager of the El Comodoro hotel, who is at liberty under bond for harboring Karpis in Florida, was to be called as a witness this afternoon.

The government wound up testimony regarding the gang's alleged transactions in Havana by questioning two witnesses, H. G. Frazer, manager of the United States Federal Reserve agency in Havana, and Samuel McKee, an agent of the federal bureau of investigation.

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SAWYER LIVED IN KARPIS HIDEOUT HOTEL IN MIAMI, BELLBOY SAYS

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NURSED KARPIS' GIRL



Miss Terese Carmichael, a nurse who worked in the Miami, Fla., home of Alvin Karpis, No. 1 bad man of the United States, will take the stand as a government witness in the trial here of three alleged confederates of Karpis in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Miss Carmichael, 29-year-old resident of Miami, nursed Dolores Delaney of St. Paul, girl companion of Karpis, when she was an expectant mother. Miss Carmichael is expected to testify that Cassius McDonald, defendant on trial here as a money-changer for the kidnap gang, was a frequent visitor at the Karpis establishment in Miami.

M'DONALD CALLED VISITOR THERE

Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, on trial here as conspirators in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, were identified today, Sawyer as a resident and McDonald as a visitor, in a Miami hotel where the Karpis-Barker gang was hiding out while fugitives in December, 1934, and January, 1935.

Sawyer stayed at the El Comodoro hotel, Miami, in December, 1934, occupying a room adjoining that of Willie Harrison, a gang member, according to testimony by James Grant, Negro bellboy. The two rooms had been occupied earlier by Harry Campbell and Fred Barker, other members of the gang.

McDonald was identified by Lawrence E. Gray, now of New York, former assistant manager of the El Comodoro hotel. He did not testify that McDonald associated directly with the gang members but said McDonald was a visitor at the place while the gang was there. McDonald is accused of being a changer of the kidnap ransom money for the gang.

Gray first identified the guests at the hotel Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Kate (Ma) Barker, Harry Campbell, Willie Harrison, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette. The first contingent, Karpis and Harrison, arrived December 4, 1934, he testified, and others came in later. Members of the gang were in the hotel until January 14, 1935, he said.

Gray's identifications of members of the gang were made from pictures. After this, George F. Sullivan, United States attorney, asked: Do you see any one in the court room that visited the hotel during that period?

A. Yes.
Q. Can you point him out?
A. Yes, it was (pointing) Mr. McDonald.

McDonald arose as he was identified.

Q. Did you talk to him?

A. No.

Q. Did you see him talk to any one else?

A. Only to the girl at the desk. He asked for Joe Adams, the manager.

Adams, who is St. Paul under subpoena as a government witness, is expected to be called Thursday. He is under indictment jointly with McDonald in Florida, on a charge of harboring Karpis.

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McDonald Is Linked With Karpis Gang

The federal government today established its first actual link between Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, and the Barker-Karpis mob, in testimony given in the Bremer kidnap trial today.

Simultaneously the prosecution began to lay the groundwork for its attempt to prove that the kidnap suspect met Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy, No. 1, in Miami at the time of McDonald's money-changing trips between Florida and Cuba.

Three bits of testimony, damaging to the defense were given:

- That McDonald was in Miami at the same time that Willie Harrison, slain Barker-Karpis mobster was there.
- That the late Kate (Ma) and Fred Barker, slain by G-men in Florida shortly afterwards; Karpis; Dolores Delaney, his "moll," and Harry Campbell also were in Miami at the same time.
- That the former manager of the hotel where they stayed is under indictment for harboring Karpis.

Earlier in the week, testimony was

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given that the passenger list of a seaplane that carried McDonald to Havana in September 1934 also bore the name of Harrison. Hotel employees at Havana testified that McDonald and Harrison registered at the same time after McDonald had tried to register as "C. McDonald and party." None of these witnesses, however, could identify photos of Harrison as the man who was with McDonald.

Today, however, F. C. Covell, night clerk at El Comodore hotel, Miami, identified Harrison's picture as that of a man who stayed at the hotel there in September 1934 at the time McDonald was registered at Miami's McAllister hotel.

Harrison's charred body was found in a barn near Ontarioville, Ill., last January.

Mr. Covell testified also that, at the time Harrison stayed at the hotel, Joe Adams was manager. Adams is now under indictment for harboring Karpis.

On trial with McDonald on kidnap conspiracy charges are Harry Sawyer, once St. Paul underworld kingpin, and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver.

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KARPIS ELUDES G-MEN'S TRAP

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15 (UP)—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage here today.

The trap had been maintained by federal agents and highway patrolmen since December 30 when Karpis and his companion rented space in a garage to store their automobile.

The identification of Karpis at that time was made positive by Harry and Oliver Seburn, who operate the garage and several attendants who were there when the two men drove the machine in.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at the breakfast hour. Federal agents and highway patrolmen took up the trail and were reported to be less than five minutes behind the desperado.

Asked for Keys

"The car stopped in front of the garage about 8:30 o'clock," Harry Seburn said, "and one of the men got out. The man who stayed in the car resembled Karpis. The man who came into the garage, I am positive, was the same one who rented the space from me and my brother last December.

"He asked me for the keys to the machine, saying he wanted to take it out. I said the man who had the keys was eating breakfast and I would get them. Apparently he became suspicious for he turned and ran to the car and they drove rapidly away toward the west. I ran to the restaurant and notified officers."

Southwestern Missouri was blanketed with radio broadcasts as county officials and highway patrolmen took up the chase and barricaded certain roads.

Sought Private Garage

Officers said Karpis and his companion might head toward the corner of the state and escape into Kansas, Oklahoma or Arkansas. They were driving a 1931 Ford coupe.

Local officers said the men tried to rent a private garage December 30 and, failing to do so, stored the machine in the Seburn garage. They explained the car belonged to "a friend in Chicago." Officers became suspicious and notified highway patrolmen who, in turn, notified federal agents.

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NEWARK, N.J. -- A TAXI DRIVER SAID THE MAN HE SUSPECTED OF BEING THE PUBLIC ENEMY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN. 1/16--B1012

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FEDERAL STATE OFFICERS HOT ON TRAIL OF ALVIN KARPIS

ST. PAUL, Jan. 15.—Federal and State officers today were hot in pursuit of Alvin Karpis, the nation's Public Enemy No. 1, near Aurora, Mo., following failure of a trap set there, according to advices reaching Department of Justice offices here.

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KARPIS ESCAPES AGAIN.
By the United Press.
AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15. — Alvin Karpis, public escaper No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by federal officers and highway patrolmen at a garage here today. The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at the breakfast hour.

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KARPIS AGAIN ESCAPES TRAP

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The trap had been maintained since December 30 when Karpis and his companion rented space in a garage to store their auto.

The plan failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at the breakfast hour. Federal men and highway police took up the trail and were reported to be less than five minutes behind the desperado.

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KIDNAP JURY TO VIEW BANKROLL

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Four-
teen thousand dollars, mostly in
bills of \$1,000 denomination, found
in possession of Freddie Barker
and his mother, "Ma" Kate Barker,
who they were slain in Florida by
federal agents a year ago, will be
produced by the government in the
Bremer kidnap trial, federal offi-
cers said.

The government will attempt to

show that the money represented
bills obtained by Cassius McDonald,
Detroit consulting engineer who is
charged with being the "peddler"
of one-half of the \$200,000 ransom
paid for the release of Edward G.
Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The government already has pro-
duced a dozen witnesses from Ha-
vana, Cuba, many of whom have
identified McDonald as the Ameri-
can who exchanged bills of \$5 and
\$10 denomination (the same as paid
for Bremer's release). On trial
with McDonald are Harry Sawyer
and William Weaver.

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Missouri Police Trailing 'Karpis'

Aurora, Mo. (AP)—Police efforts to seize a man, reported by a garage operator to resemble Alvin Karpis, the gangster, failed Wednesday when the suspect and a companion fled before officers could arrive.

Dec. 30 two men left a sedan at the Seburn garage. Illinois license plates on the car were traced and the machine, police said, was found to have been stolen in Chicago Nov. 3.

Harry Seburn viewed pictures of Karpis and said one of the men resembled the desperado, who is wanted for the Bremer kidnaping at St. Paul.

The men reappeared Wednesday and demanded their car, but fled when told that police held the keys. Authorities immediately started a search.

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Karpis, Pal Escape U. S. Agents Trap In Missouri Town

By United Press

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, and a companion escaped a trap set by federal officers and



ALVIN KARPIS
Public Enemy Escapes Federal Trap

highway patrolmen at a garage here today.

The trap had been maintained by federal agents and highway patrolmen since Dec. 30, when Karpis and his companion rented space in a garage to store their automobile.

The trap failed when officers temporarily relaxed their vigilance at the breakfast hour.

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ANOTHER KARPIS CLUE RUN DOWN

At First Thought to Have
Escaped Trap Near
Aurora, Mo.

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15—(AP)—Excitement over reports that one of two men who slipped through a trap set by federal and state officers at a garage here was Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, had subsided by noon today.

Harry Seburn, garageman who at first said one of the visitors had resembled Karpis, later declared he "didn't hardly believe it was Karpis, but it was a man about his size."

Harvey George, state highway patrolman stationed here, said there is "no foundation for reports that the man was Karpis."

The trap was set for the pair after they brought a car to Seburn's garage here December 30 or storage. Highway patrolmen checked the machine, found it had been stolen in Illinois, and issued a hold order for it.

Later Harry Seburn and his brother, Oliver, told federal officers that one of the men "looked like" a picture of Karpis.

The pair returned here at 8 o'clock this morning and wanted to know if "their car was still here," Harry Seburn said.

"I told them it was, but that Mr. George, the patrolman, had the keys and they'd have to see him about it," Seburn said. "They said they were going on up in town, but they left in the direction of Highway 60, which is south of here."

Seburn said he notified George immediately. George notified patrol officers at Springfield and officers were instructed to watch all roads for the two men, who were driving a green Ford convertible coupe, 1931 model, with the rear window covered with white adhesive tape.

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Vault Guard's Sharp Eyes Yield Clue to Kidnap Cash

By JOHN M. CARLISLE

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE DETROIT NEWS.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 15.—As the head watchdog of the great vault in the Havana branch of the National City Bank of New York, the Senor Eusebio Dominguez is proud of his stumbling English, but prouder still of his sharp eyes.

The senor has darting black eyes that see all and forget nothing, and it is his boast that nothing ever gets away from the Senor Dominguez in the vault; nothing, senors, absolutely nothing.

Thus it developed that the senor was the principal actor in the Government's scenario, "The Adventures of Cassius McDonald in Havana," as it was offered Tuesday for the jury at the Bremer kidnaping trial in Federal Court.

Because of the senor's sharp eyes, the Government was able to link McDonald, the former Detroit consulting engineer, with \$12,760 of the Bremer ransom money in its contention that the Detrolter was the money changer in the kidnaping.

MONEY IS TRACED

The McDonald transfer money jumped around Havana, from one financial institution to another, and it took Senor Dominguez and a supporting cast of seven to straighten out the money's itinerary from the Cuban gold brokers to the cancellation bureau of the United States Treasury in Washington, D. C.

It was brought out that McDon-

ald walked into the Havana branch of the Chase National Bank, with his bulging leather bag, and placed \$72,000 in American greenbacks of \$5 and \$10 denominations on the counter.

"Thousands, if you please," the dapper McDonald said, telling "very funny stories" while the tellers counted the money, paying a premium for the exchange, and explaining he was "about to open a race track with the money."

Whereupon the Chase National paid the National City a small commission to exchange the money for bills of large denominations, and the original McDonald money wended its way into Senor Dominguez' vault.

NOTES A DIFFERENCE

There the sharp eyes of the senor noted that the bills were different than most of the others coming under his protective wing "because of the dark edges that were discolored."

"They were the only bills, discolored like that, which I have ever had experience with," the senor testified.

Six months later when Special Agent Sam McKee, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the United States Department of Justice, appeared on the scene with a voluminous list of the serial numbers of the ransom notes, the senor's memory stood the G-man's test.

The senor recalled the discolored

notes. He never had forgotten. He flounced into the vault and opened a safe, and pulled out a package of \$2,500 of these discolored notes, all that remained of the McDonald transfer money, since the rest had filtered out of the bank through normal business channels.

SERIAL NUMBERS CHECK

The senor and the G-man checked these "dark grayish" notes with the serial numbers on the ransom money list, and they identified, they said, the money as part of the ransom. Whereupon, the senor recalled that he had sent \$30,000 of similarly discolored notes to the Cuban Treasury to make a bank payment.

Another stack of \$10,000 in bills was recovered there, and the two of them then identified this as more of the McDonald transfer money. Turning to the ransom list, they found the serial numbers of these bills listed there.

McKee described the discoloration as a fixed color, that didn't come off on your hands, "a dark grayish color on the edges, as if they had been kept in some place with charcoal or coal."

Later, during a court recess, Department of Justice agents said they would produce a witness to show that the money at one time had been buried by the Karpis-Barker-Goetz kidnaping gang when the hunt for the kidnapers was at its peak, accounting for the discolorations.

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Officers' Trap For Alvin Karpis Fails Of Results

AURORA, Mo., Jan. 15.—(INS) —A trap set by G-men and Missouri highway patrolmen here this morning for a man believed to be Alvin Karpis, notorious killer and kidnaper, failed to produce the nation's public enemy No. 1.

The trap was laid in a garage here following reports that a man said to resemble Karpis had been seen early this morning driving a 1931 Ford. Coupling the report with persistent rumors that the current public enemy No. 1 is hiding in this territory, authorities decided to lay a trap in a garage which was thought to have been housing the car.

"This was just one more routine inquiry that the department makes into every Karpis rumor that is reported to us," a department of justice man declared. Highway patrolmen refused to comment.

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Large Bills Accuse Kidnaping Gang

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14. (AP)—Fifteen \$1,000 bills, fourteen of them seized after the slaying of Freddie Barker and "Ma" Kate Barker, will be offered by the government as evidence in the Bremer kidnaping trial, federal officials disclosed today.

More than a dozen witnesses from Cuba, including bankers and brokers, today identified Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, as the man who exchanged \$92,000 in bills of \$5 and \$10 denominations for gold and for bills of larger denominations, at Havana banks.

Through these \$1,000 bills, the government is attempting to prove that McDonald was the principal "money changer" in the exchange of about half of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Edward G. Bremer's freedom.

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15 \$1,000 BILLS CHIEF LINK IN KIDNAP TRIAL

St. Paul, Jan. 15 (P).—Fifteen \$1,000 bills, 14 of which were seized after the slaying of Freddie Barker and "Ma" Kate Barker, will be offered by the government as evidence in the Bremer kidnap trial, federal officials disclosed as more than a dozen witnesses from Cuba completed testimony.

The government will attempt to link Cassius McDonald, Detroit consulting engineer, as the principal "money-changer" in the exchange of approximately one-half of the \$200,000 ransom paid for Edward G. Bremer's freedom, through the one-thousand dollar bills. Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, together with McDonald, are being tried as conspirators in the kidnaping.

The 15th bill, it was learned, was found in possession of Joe Adams, now awaiting trial on an indictment charging him with harboring Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 public enemy, and with possession of a machine gun. McDonald was indicted at the same time as Adams for harboring Karpis, but he has not been tried on that charge yet.

Adams, federal officials revealed, will be called as a government witness in the present trial, with the prosecution attempting to show through his testimony that the \$1,000 bill he carried at the time of his arrest was brought to Florida from Havana, Cuba, by the Detroit engineer.

Four \$1,000 bills were found concealed in a belt worn by Barker when he and his mother were slain at Oklahoma, Fla., a year ago in a five-hour gun battle with department of justice agents. The other 10 bills were discovered in Mrs. Barker's purse.

Cuban witnesses, including bankers and brokers, identified McDonald as the man who exchanged \$92,000 in bills of \$5 and \$10 denominations for gold and for bills of larger denominations, among them many \$1,000 bills. The Bremer ransom was paid with \$5 and \$10 notes.

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Sulzmann Society Grows

HISTORIANS already are trying to determine whose name belongs at the head of the list of charter members of the Society to Get Along Without John M. Sulzmann as Sheriff.

Should that honor go to County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan, who discovered, while raiding the Harvard club last Friday night, that he had to get along without the help of the sheriff? Or should the society give the honor to Attorney Ben C. Boer, who offers his professional services without charge provided other public-spirited citizens de-fray court costs of an ouster suit against the sheriff?

There may have to be a popular referendum on these two questions.

Meanwhile, the membership of the Society to Get Along Without John M. Sulzmann as Sheriff is growing by leaps and bounds.

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Karpis Escapes Trap in Missouri

ST. PAUL, Jan. 15.—(U.S.)—Federal and state officers today were in pursuit of Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, near Aurora, Mo., following failure of a trap set there, Department of Justice offices here learned. Karpis and a companion escaped in an automobile less than five minutes ahead of a half dozen heavily armed officers, it was reported.

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TERESE CARMICHAEL, 29, of Miami will testify, government agents say, that she saw Cassius McDonald, on trial in the Bremer kidnaping case in St. Paul, visit Alvin Karpis while she was nursing Karpis' woman companion, Delores Delaney.—A. P. Wirephoto.

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KARPIS 'TIP' FAILS HERE

Suspect Reported At Tube By Taxi Driver

Newark detectives made a vain search for Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, this morning at the tube stations at Park place and Manhattan Transfer, on the strength of a teltyle flash from the New York Police Department.

The message, received at 7:57 A. M., stated that a Manhattan taxi driver reported a man he had driven from New York to the Park place station here at 7:15 A. M. resembled Karpis. The driver returned to New York before making his report. He described his fare as having three stars on his face, one over his left eye and one on each cheek. With the man was a blonde.

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BELIEVES KARPIS WAS PASSENGER

Taxi Driver Reports His Suspicion to Police.

A New Jersey State police teletype alarm sent out shortly before 10 A. M. today said that a taxicab driver had reported to the Newark police that he had driven a man and a blond woman to the Park Place station of the Hudson tube and that he believed the man was Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1. The police of Jersey City and New York were asked to watch for the couple.

The taxicab driver said that the passenger had three scars on his face. This tallied with reports that the outlaw had had his face changed by a surgeon in order to escape detection.

Karpis has been the object of a countrywide hunt by Government agents since he took part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, a St. Paul brewer, two years ago. Several members of his gang have been apprehended or found dead, including Fred Barker, who, with his mother, was shot dead in Florida when he attempted to escape arrest. At one time the search for Karpis became intense in New Jersey, but he escaped.

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St. Paul Daily News
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McDonald Admits He Was Gaming Overlord

Forestry and engineering businesses of Cassius McDonald, Detroit, on trial with Harry Sawyer and William Weaver for the Bremer kidnaping conspiracy, were but sidelines for extensive gambling operations.

That is what McDonald told federal agents in a signed statement at West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 8, 1935.

Denied all connections with members of the Barker-Karpis gang, declared that any money-changing activities were in connection with his gambling operations, and failed to recognize pictures of Sawyer and the slain Willie Harrison.

He admitted, however, having been engaged in gambling operations at Detroit, Chicago and Havana, Cuba, for 25 years, and said he controlled gambling at Havana.

The statement was introduced by the government as it proceeded with its mountain-high pile of evidence and testimony linking the three defendants with the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer Jan. 17, 1934, and with the later activities of the Barker-Karpis mob.

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To Present Alibi For Harry Sawyer



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Set to present airtight alibi that their client, Harry Sawyer, is not guilty of conspiracy to kidnap are his three lawyers—left to right—ROBERT RENSCH, L. L. DRILL of St. Paul. Mr. Drill was formerly United States district attorney and Mr. Rensch was connected with that office. EUGENE O'SULLIVAN, Omaha, completes Sawyer's legal staff.

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**Now Karpis Is Sighted
 On Eastern Seaboard**
 NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 16.—(UP)—
 A taxicab driver reported to police
 today he believed a passenger he had
 taken to the Park place station of
 the Hudson Tube was Alvin Karpis,
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 The driver said the man he sus-
 pected of being the notorious gang-
 ster was accompanied by a "blond
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 Police at New York and Jersey
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Alleged Hider Of Karpis Names Kidnap Defendants

Avers McDonald Requested Him To Find Public Enemy No. 1.

A Miami hotel man, under indictment for harboring Alvin Karpis, testified in the Bremer kidnap trial today that Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and Willie Harrison, slain Barker-Karpis mobster, "conferred" frequently in his hotel in September 1934.

The witness, Joseph H. Adams, former manager of Miami's El Comodore, identified McDonald and Sawyer in court, and explained that Sawyer was known to him as "Sea Lion." McDonald and Sawyer, with William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver are on trial on kidnap conspiracy in the \$200,000 snatch of Edward G. Bremer.

Testimony that McDonald and Karpis met at least twice during December, 1934, and January, 1935, also was introduced by the government. Adams testified that Karpis and McDonald met in his hotel in December, and Miss Terese Carmichael, a practical nurse, employed by Karpis at his home in Florida, told of a trip McDonald made to the Karpis home the following month.

Adams also said McDonald asked him to help locate Karpis and Fred Barker, that he wanted to see them. The witness said that at McDonald's request he got in touch with Barker, known to him then as "Blackburne," and Karpis who called himself "Wagner." Adams said he had helped the two to locate homes.

They Talked To Mobsters



A practical nurse, MISS TERESE CARMICHAEL, 29, Miami, put Cassius McDonald, alleged Bremer ransom money-changer on the spot today, when she testified that he visited the home of America's No. 1 bad man Alvin Karpis, in Florida in December, 1934. Miss Carmichael was employed by Karpis to care for Dolores Delaney, Karpis' moll.



Testimony that a telegram signed "Cash," nickname of Cassius McDonald, alleged Bremer ransom money-changer, was sent from Miami to the late Fred Barker, reading, "Like to see you Sunday," was given in the Bremer trial today by GEORGIA PATTERSON, telegraph company employee in Miami.

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Harrison, whose charred body was found in a ~~burned~~ Ontarioville, Ill. last January, and Sawyer, reputed fingerman, remained at the hotel during the time McDonald was carrying on his mysterious money-changing in Havana, Adams said.

Adams identified pictures of the late Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Karpis, Dolores Delany, his moll and the late Ma Barker as patrons of the hotel at the time.

Questioning and replies:

Q. When did you see Harrison in the lobby?

A. It was the third time about 5 p. m. sometime between Sept. 2 and 8, 1934. McDonald was with him and a third party they called "Sea Lion."

The witness identified "Sea Lion" as Sawyer.

Q. Did Sawyer take part in the conversation?

A. He talked very little. I understood he was in the cafe business "out west." (Sawyer ran a Wabasha st. cafe in St. Paul).

Q. Did you leave the group?

A. Harrison, McDonald and "Sea Lion" left for the elevator and I went in the opposite direction.

Q. Did you see them again?

A. Yes. Frequently I took them in an automobile to show them a gambling place sometime between Sept. 2 and 11, 1934.

Q. How long were you in their company?

A. About two hours. The round trip was 34 miles.

Q. When did you again see any of these men?

A. I don't recall. I saw them go in and out of the hotel often. Harrison I saw almost every day. McDonald I saw almost every day. McDonald I saw almost every day. McDonald I saw almost every day.

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3 Defendants Identified By Aid To Karpis

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McDonald three or four times; Sawyer, six or seven.

Q. Do you recall if Harrison bought you a bottle of liquor?

A. Harrison called me to his room, 1005. "Sea Lion" was in there and Harrison gave me a bottle. He said he brought it from Havana.

Q. How long were Harrison and Sawyer at the hotel?

A. They came in Sept. 1, 1934; checked out Sept. 12.

Q. Did you see Sawyer after that?

A. No.

Q. Did you talk to McDonald about his friends coming through Miami on business?

A. Yes. In the lobby. Harrison was there. He said they were taking over all gambling and race tracks in Cuba.

The witness then identified members of the Barker-Karpis mob as persons who came to his hotel after that talk.

Leaves Money For Moll.

After testifying about Karpis' visits to the hotel, Adams then told how the No. 1 public enemy left a sealed envelope at El Comodore for his "moll," Miss Delaney.

Q. What was in the envelope?

A. Money.

Q. Did Karpis call again for the money?

A. I can only recall by the day of the shooting at Oklawaha, Oklawaha, Fla., where Ma and Fred Barker were mowed down by "G-men" last Jan. 16. The money was called for the next day. A man by the name of Randall called for it.

Q. Who opened it?

Retained One Bill.

A. Randall opened it in my presence. There were two \$1,000 bills. One I gave to Randall; the other I kept for damage to the Bradford's home (where the shooting took place.) I kept the bill for two or three days; then turned it over to John Hanson, a federal agent.

The witness then identified the \$1,000 bill by the initial placed on it at the time.

Q. Did Wagner (Karpis) ever come back to your hotel?

A. Yes. With McDonald sometime in January. They talked in my office.

Previously the government has produced witnesses in an attempt to prove that McDonald "cooled" \$92,000 of the \$20,000 ransom in Cuba.

Both Adams and McDonald are under indictment in Florida on charges of harboring Alvin Karpis.

The government still has hopes of finishing its side of the case this week, although there still remain several important witnesses, among them being Byron Bolton, who pleaded guilty to the kidnaping charge and later turned state's evidence; Dolores Delaney, Elvin Karpis' sweetheart, and Wynona Burdette, Harry Campbell's girl friend.

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January 16, 1936

M'Donald Statement Admits Long Gambling Activities

Admission that he had been engaged in gambling activities in Chicago, Detroit and Havana for a quarter century is made by Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, in a written statement introduced in the Bremer kidnap trial this afternoon. McDonald, one of three defendants on trial as conspirators in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, made the statement to J. H. Hanson, Department of Justice agent, shortly after his arrest February 8, 1935, at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Admissions Included.

The statement, read to the jury by George Heise, assistant United States district attorney, includes admissions by McDonald that:

He visited Havana, Cuba, on many occasions, and has "managed to control gambling in Havana."

He exchanged money in Cuba for \$1,000 bills at the Royal Bank of Canada, in Havana.

He made similar exchanges of money secured out of other interests, particularly slot machines.

He exchanged \$10,000 or \$12,000 in gold for \$50, \$100 and \$1,000 bills through the National City bank of Havana in the gambling season and September, 1934.

He converted \$25,000 in Liberty bonds which he had for three or four years and were purchased in Detroit.

He did not know "T. C. Blackburn" (identified in government testimony as Fred Barker, slain gangster).

McDonald's statement was the first hint since the trial opened eleven days ago of the nature of his expected defense. He, Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, are being tried jointly.

In the statement, he denied that he sent a telegram signed "Cash" to Blackburn, whose photograph identified as Fred Barker. Joe Adams who, with McDonald, was indicted in Miami for harboring Alvin Karpis, the nation's No. 1 bad man, testified this forenoon he sent a telegram to "Blackburn" at the request of McDonald, whom he knew as "Cash."

HOLD BREMER TRIO FATE



The fate of three defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, lies in the hands of the men and women pictured here. They are the jurors and alternate jurors in the Federal court trial of Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, accused of assisting members of the Barker-Karpis mob in their plans for the abduction; Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer named by the government as a ransom money changer in the case; and William Weaver, former member of the Barker-Karpis gang and allegedly one of the actual kidnapers.

Denies Harrison Link.

McDonald, in the written statement, denied having any business transactions with William Harrison, slain Barker-Karpis gangster, but this testimony was contradicted earlier in the trial by Adams and other witnesses.

Adams had testified that he, Sawyer, McDonald and Harrison made a 17-mile automobile trip to visit a gambling house in the Miami sector.

"The money received from the sale of the Liberty bonds and receipts from the Chinese gambling concessions is all the money brought back from Cuba during 1934 and until the present time, except a bankroll of \$5,000 and profit of \$3,400," McDonald's statement reads. "I have had no gambling activities at Havana during the present season."

The government contends that McDonald made several trips between Miami and Cuba in September, 1934, and exchanged approximately half of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money for bills of large denomination.

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Karpis Paid Gun Battle Damage, Witness Says

**\$1,000 Bill Turned Over to
Cover Repairs on Home
After Killing of 'Ma' Bark-
er and Son, Testimony.**

M'DONALD CONTACT ATTEMPT DETAILED

Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, paid \$1,000 for damages done to a Florida home by bullets from the guns of government agents, who are seeking him.

This information was disclosed today in the federal trial here of three men charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, two years ago.

The testimony was given on the anniversary date of the G-men's slaying of Freddie and Kate (Ma) Barker. The \$1,000 payment was linked inferentially to the Bremer kidnap ransom.

U. S. District Attorney George F. Sullivan introduced in evidence a \$1,000 bill with which the government accuses Alvin Karpis of paying for the damages.

Supporting this, Joseph H. Adams, Miami hotel man and accused harbinger of Karpis, testified Karpis, once a guest at his hotel, paid him a \$1,000 bill to be turned over to the home owner, Carson Bradford.

Exactly a year ago today government agents engaged in the gun fight with Fred Barker and his mother, barricaded behind machine guns, before both the fugitives fell dead.

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KARPIS SUSPECT ELUDES COP TRAP

CALLS FOR AUTO LEFT IN GARAGE

Flees With Another Man
on Hearing Police Have
Stolen Car Keys.

Aurora, Mo., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Police efforts to seize a man reported by a garage operator to resemble Alvin Karpis, the gangster, failed Wednesday when the suspect and a companion fled before officers arrived.

On December 30 two men left a sedan at the Seburn Brother Motor Co. Illinois license plate were traced and the machine, police said, was found to have been stolen in Chicago, November 3.

Harry Seburn viewed pictures of Karpis and said one of the men resembled the desperado wanted for the Bremer kidnaping in St. Paul.

State highway patrolmen and other officers kept a watch intermittently at the garage but only Seburn was present when the two men appeared in another car and parked outside.

The man who Seburn said resembled Karpis asked for the keys to the car they had left. When Seburn told him the keys had been turned over to a highway patrolman the man ran back to the car and fled.

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Sawyer Lived in Karpis Hideout, Witnesses Say

McDonald Also Visited Miami Hotel, Employees Testify in Bremer Case.

Harry Sawyer of St. Paul was a resident and Cassius McDonald of Detroit a visitor in a Miami hotel used as a hideout by "heavies" of the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob, witnesses testified Wednesday in Federal court here.

The testimony, given in the trial of these two defendants and William Weaver, gangster, charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, included statements that:

Sawyer and William J. Harrison, a member of the mob, occupied adjoining rooms in the hotel from September 1 to 12, 1934.

McDonald was seen in conversation with Harrison at the hotel at least twice during this period and visited the place again the following December.

Members of the mob who lived at the hotel at various times between September 1, 1934, and January 14, 1935, included Fred and Kate (Ma) Barker, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell. Gangster sweethearts with them included Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette.

The principal witness was Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Commodoro hotel in Miami, who is under indictment with McDonald on a charge of harboring Karpis in Florida and is now at liberty under bond. McDonald also was at liberty under bond in this charge when he was arrested for trial here on kidnap conspiracy charges.

The other witnesses all were employees of the El Commodoro during

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SAWYER LIVED AT KARPIS HIDEOUT, WITNESSES SAY

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the period in question. They included Lawrence E. Gray, assistant manager; Francis C. Covell, night clerk; James Grant, William M. Johnson and Henry Debro, Negro bellmen; and Ethel Moore, cleaning woman.

Previous to their testimony the government had introduced evidence designed to show that McDonald, a Detroit engineer, made three round trips between Florida and Cuba in September, 1934, and allegedly exchanged \$92,000 of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money in Havana.

The El Comodoro witnesses then were called by the prosecution in an effort to show how the Barker-Karpis mobsters gathered in Miami during and after these alleged transactions.

Called to the stand one by one by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, they identified the various gangsters through pictures and told of the aliases under which they lived at the hotel.

Aliases Revealed.

Fred and Kate Barker, they said, were known at the hotel as mother and son, but under the name of "Blackburn". Karpis was "E. N. Howe" and Harry Campbell was "Mr. Summers", various of the witnesses stated.

Taking the stand as the last witness of the day, Adams said that, besides managing the El Comodoro, he also was connected with the Biscayne greyhound racing track. He then said he had been acquainted with Willie Harrison for two years or more, knowing him as a dog track pari-mutuel clerk.

Questioned as to seeing Harrison in the hotel, he said he had seen and talked with him in the lobby twice September 1, 1934. Asked when he had next seen Harrison in the hotel, Adams replied that it was two or three days later, also in the lobby.

"Was he alone on that occasion?" Sullivan asked.

Another With Him.

"No," the witness replied, "there was another man with him."

Q. Did you join them and take part in the conversation?

A. Yes.

Q. And did Harrison introduce the other man to you?

A. Yes.

Q. By what name did he introduce him?

A. The name of McDonald.

Q. Was that the first time you had ever seen him?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you see him in the courtroom now?

A. Yes.

Q. Can you indicate him?

Adams replied in the affirmative and pointed to McDonald, who arose.

Q. What time of day did your

conversation with McDonald and Harrison take place?

A. About 5 or 5:30 P. M.

Q. How long did you talk with them on this occasion?

A. We talked about five or ten minutes and then they left together, while I remained in the lobby.

Q. Where did they go?

A. Upstairs—at least, they walked over to the elevators.

The next time he saw McDonald and Harrison together in the hotel was the next day or the day after, Adams said. Before he could be questioned regarding this meeting, however, court was adjourned until today.

The other alleged visit to the hotel by McDonald was described by Gray, the assistant manager, who also pointed out the Detroitier in court. The witness said the defendant had called at the hotel shortly before Christmas, 1934—he thought on Christmas eve—and inquired for Adams.

The first witness to state that Harrison and Sawyer occupied adjoining rooms was the Negro bellman, Grant, who said he had served them ten or eleven times. He said Harrison was known by that name, but that he knew Sawyer as "Mr. James."

He added that "Mr. James" frequently called for beer.

The bellman also testified he had taken the pair to their rooms when they checked in on September 1, 1934, and remarked that they had three bags.

Sawyer also was identified as a

resident of the hotel by the cleaning woman, Ethel Moore, who said she saw him every day when she cleaned his room.

Asked if she recalled that he kept any beer on hand, she said:

"Yes, it was kept on ice in the bathtub."

Another of the bellmen, Johnson, said he had quit the hotel to work for the "Blackburns," whom he identified as Fred and Ma Barker, when they checked out and went to live in a house at Oklawaha, Fla.

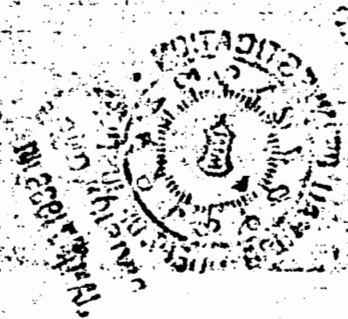
He said they moved to Oklawaha about October 12 to 15, 1934, and that he was with them there until some time early in November.

It was on the following January 16 that Fred and Ma were killed in their Oklawaha home by the bullets of Federal agents.

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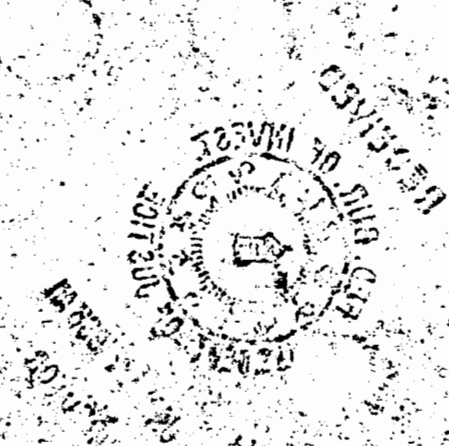
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Abductor's Mother Dies Firing a Machine Gun!

Bremer Mobsters Slain Following Florida Siege

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OKLAWAHA, Fla., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Fred Barker, long sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, and his mother, "Ma" Barker, were shot to death today by Department of Justice agents after a withering, six-hour machine gun battle.

"Ma" Barker died, the federal agents said, with her finger on the trigger of a machine gun. Part of the drum of cartridges had been run out in the battle with the fifteen officers.

Just after the furious battle ended, the federal agents said two men and a woman had been killed, but a later check disclosed that only the Barkers were slain.

Apparently they were the only occupants of the house.

'Doc' Barker's Brother Slain

Fred Barker was a brother of the notorious Arthur ("Doc") Barker, who was named by Justice Department agents, along with Karpis, as the abductors of Bremer.

Bremer was kidnaped at St. Paul on Jan. 17, 1933, and re-

leased twenty-two days later, Feb. 8, 1933, after \$200,000 ransom was paid.

After a blazing battle with machine guns the agents resorted to tear gas.

Rented House to 'T. C. Blackburn'

The beautiful Summer home, belonging to Carson Bradford, president of the Biscayne Kennel Club at Miami, who rented it two months ago to a man who gave his name as T. C. Blackburn, was shot full of holes.

To queries, an agent replied the slain pair were "members of the Blackburn gang," sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping.

Volley Answers Surrender Order

The gangsters barricaded themselves in the fine Summer home on Lake Weir.

About 6:45 o'clock this morning the agents surrounded the place and ordered the occupants to surrender.

There was a blaze of fire from a machine gun in answer. The agents retired and set up their own machine guns and retaliated.

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Florida Villagers Flee to Safety as Federal Agents Battle Gang

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BATTLE!



Map shows location of Oklawaha, scene of battle.

The federal agents said they fired more than 1,500 rounds of ammunition into the house, which was pierced with bullet holes from every angle.

A blazing battle ensued and continued, except for occasional lulls, until 11 o'clock.

The agents resorted to tear gas in an effort to smoke out their quarry.

Cook Sent In, Finds Bodies

A Negro cook employed in the house was sent inside by the agents.

In a moment he returned with the cryptic news:

"They are all dead."

None of the agents engaged in the battle was injured.

Immediately a coroner's inquest was called and the agents kept out all except eye-witnesses.

The dead woman was about 60.

Mrs. H. E. Westberry, who has a Summer cottage across the street from that occupied by the gangsters, told a graphic story of narrowly escaping

death in the exchange of blazing machine guns.

Her home was directly in the line of fire from where the bandits had set up a machine gun.

A number of bullets tore through her home and she was forced to seclude herself in the bathroom to escape being shot down.

As the battle waxed more furious she decided to make a break for safety.

She dashed out of the back door and heard what she believed to be a command from a Department of Justice agent to halt.

She kept going.

Several shots fanned her head, she declared, as she kept putting distance between herself and the battle.

Couple Leaves for North

Neighbors said they knew little of the "Blackburns" except that they had a great deal of company, mostly late at night.

Only Sunday a couple, known to neighbors as "Mr. and Mrs. Summers," left for the North, where they were understood to live.

The Summers had been visitors at the house for several weeks.

This ordinarily quiet little resort village, almost on the edge of the Ocala National Forest, experienced its greatest excitement.

More than 200 cars were parked about the beautiful lake, many belonging to Summer residents who keep their cottages during the Winter.

As the battle blazed many fled to safe distances. The sound of machine gun, shotgun

and tear gas fire echoed through the trees.

Curious Flock to Village.

News of the ambushade traveled rapidly and several hundred persons, more curious than cautious, flocked to the village.

Newspapermen and cameramen sped to the scene to tell the story to the outside world.

Oklawaha is an isolated spot with only one telephone, and soon a line was formed to that by those anxious to get word out.

Oklawaha is about twenty miles southeast of Ocala, the county seat of Marion County, and is approximately 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville.

TRACED TO FLORIDA.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16.—(AP)—It was learned from a reliable source in St. Paul today that federal agents have been running down clues that Alvin Karpis and Arthur (Doc) Barker, named by the Department of Justice as the kidnapers of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, were in Florida.

The information that Karpis and Barker, wanted for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping, had fled to Florida recently was obtained by federal agents, it was learned in Chicago last week.

The report that the federal operatives have been running down these clues in Florida gave rise to reports that two men slain today in a gun fight may be Karpis and Barker.

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'Doc' Barker Held by U.S. for Week

Following the killing in Florida of Arthur ("Doc") Barker's mother and brother, The Chicago American is able to reveal that the notorious "Doc" himself has been in the custody of federal agents here for a week.

He is held secretly in Chicago by a division of investigation of the U. S. Department of Justice. Barker was arrested as he left a North Side apartment with a woman. At almost the same moment another group of federal agents raided an apartment at 3920 Pine Grove av., killing Russell Gibson and capturing Byron ("Red") Bolton, both members of Barker-Karpis gang.

\$5,000 ON HEADS.

At the time a \$5,000 reward was placed on Barker's and Karpis' heads by the federal government of "Public Enemy No. 1" with John Dillinger, George ("Baby Face") Nelson, Homer Van Meter and Charles ("Pretty Boy") Floyd—all of whom have since been slain by law officers.

The Chicago American learned several days ago of Barker's capture, but withheld the information at the request of the division of investigation.

The call for Barker's arrest was sent out from Washington last March, two months after Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul brewer, had been kidnaped and released after \$200,000 ransom had been paid. The order for his arrest said that he was wanted "for questioning" in the Bremer kidnaping. John J. McLaughlin, Chicago politician and gambling chief, is believed to have helped to establish the information on which Barker was seized.

OMITS PASSING RANSOM.

McLaughlin, held with his son, J. Jr., in St. Paul, has admitted passing \$53,000 of the Bremer ransom.

American Bares U.S. Arrest of Barker

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mer ransom. He denies having been connected with the kidnaping on a charge of murder, he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Despite his record, he was paroled from the Oklahoma state penitentiary September 10, 1932, after serving less than ten years of his sentence.

Barker, like Karpis and the other members of their gang, has a long criminal record. The Dillinger gang, on the other hand, consisted of men who had minor records or none at all. Barker was first arrested in 1918, charged with the larceny of a government automobile. He escaped from the county jail in Tulsa, but was re-arrested in Joplin, Mo., two years later and returned to Tulsa.

Freed on the larceny charge, he was arrested a year later in Muskogee, Okla., charged with attempted bank robbery. Held for six months in the Oklahoma state penitentiary at McAlester, he was discharged June 11, 1921, on order of the court.

GIVEN LIFE, PAROLED.

Re-arrested in December, 1921,

with two men in the Pine Grove av. raid, had long been sought by the Chicago police as the "finger man" of the unsolved St. Valentine's Day massacre of 1929, when seven of George ("Bugs") Moran's henchmen were killed in a garage at 2122 N. Clark st., presumably by the agents of Al Capone, McLaughlin's business rival.

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Profile and front view from Department of Justice circular of Arthur ("Doc") Barker, outlaw who has been in federal custody here since a week ago last Sunday night, The Chicago Ameri-

can learned exclusively today. Barker is the leader of the gang blamed for the Bremer kidnaping. Federal agents in Florida today shot and killed his brother Fred, and his mother, "Ma" Barker.

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Bremer Suspect Admits Gambling But Denies Ransom Cash Deal

ST. PAUL, Jan. 16—(A. P.)—A statement from Cassius McDonald to a Federal agent in which the Detroit engineer admitted gambling activities in Chicago, Detroit and Cuba but denied having business transactions with Barker-Karpis gangsters was read this afternoon at the Bremer kidnap trial.

McDonald is charged with exchanging a portion of the \$200,000 ransom paid for the release of Edward G. Bremer. On trial with him are Harry Sawyer and William Weaver. The statement, officials said, was made to J. H. Hanson in February, 1935.

McDonald admitted that he had at various times exchanged large sums of money in Havana, where he at one time "managed to control gambling," but denied that he knew "T. C. Blackburn," the name which Fred Barker, since slain, used, or that he had any business transactions with William Harrison, another member of the kidnap syndicate, now dead.

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Net in Bremer Crime Fruitful

Anniversary of Kidnaping Finds Only Two Still to Be Captured

St. Paul, Minn.—The anniversary of the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping Friday found the remnants of the Barker-Karpis gang in their second fateful mid-January struggle against the law.

Two years ago Friday Bremer, a banker, was kidnaped and held for \$200,000 ransom. On the first anniversary the department of justice delivered its death blow to the gang, which had gained a reputation as notorious as the Dillinger mob. On the second anniversary three members of the gang were on trial on conspiracy charges, facing possible life imprisonment.

The government indicted 26 persons in connection with the Bremer abduction. Twenty-four of that number have been accounted for. They either are in prison or were slain by the guns of federal operatives or by their fellow gangsters.

Only Two at Large

Of the mob, only Alvin Karpis and his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, are still at large. Kate (Ma) Barker was slain with her son, Fred, when federal agents besieged their house at Oklawaha, Fla. Herman Barker committed suicide rather than face conviction. Arthur (Doc) Barker, Lloyd Barker and Volney Davis are serving long terms in federal penitentiaries.

The charged remains of Willie Harrison were found last summer in a burned barn at Ontarioville, Ill.

Attempts of counsel for William Weaver to show that the Jack Klutas mob of Chicago was one of two gangs that once plotted the kidnaping of Bremer were frustrated by government objections Friday.

Cites Chicago Gangs

Raymond C. Suran, department of justice agent who related Thursday a conversation he had with Weaver, was recalled for cross examination in the trial of Weaver, Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer, accused

as a money changer. Suran testified that Weaver told him two Chicago gangs, prior to the abduction of Bremer, had intended to kidnap him but abandoned their scheme following an argument. Jack Klutas was killed shortly before Bremer's abduction.

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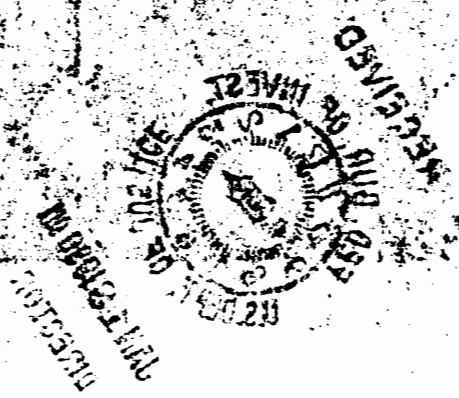
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KARPIS NURSE



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TERESE CARMICHAEL
 She will testify at the St. Paul trial of Cassius McDonald in the Bremer kidnaping case. that she saw McDonald visit the Miami home of Alvin Karpis. Miss Carmichael was nurse for Karpis's moll, Dolores Delaney.



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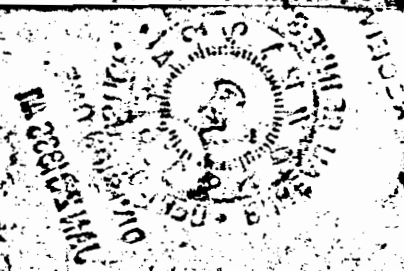
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BOLTON ACCUSES MCDONALD



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Quotes Barker In Naming Cash Changer

"We got a guy in Detroit who's going to change the ransom dough in Cuba for a cut of 25 per cent," Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper, testified in federal court this afternoon the late Fred Barker told him.

And that "guy," the federal government contends, is Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, who with William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver and Harry Sawyer, is on trial in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Bolton also said that in Chicago early in September, 1934, he was with Arthur (Doc) Barker, convicted kidnaper serving a life term, and the late Willie Harrison, Barker-Karpis mobster, when Barker told Harrison "Cash wants to see you in Detroit."

"Cash," the government says is the nickname of McDonald.

Already the government has adduced testimony showing that, a few days later, Harrison and McDonald were making their mysterious money-changing trips to Havana.

The government has brought out that McDonald made several trips to Cuba, that while there he mysteriously changed some \$92,000, \$20,000 of it through a gold purchase and the balance through changing small bills into bills of larger denominations.

Bolton, whose testimony was instrumental in sending five snatchers to prison last April, is now awaiting sentence. He was on the stand today for about an hour and a half, telling a story that "put the finger" on all three defendants, linking them with various phases of the abduction.

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Byron Bolton Puts Finger On Sawyer

Confessed Kidnap
Tells Of Weaver's Part
In Bremer Abduction.

Byron Bolton, confessed Bremer kidnaper, whose testimony last spring resulted in conviction of five of seven defendants, took the witness stand today in federal court and put the finger on William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver and Harry Sawyer, one-time St. Paul underworld kingpin.

He testified first that he went to the Bensenville (Ill.) hideout where Edward G. Bremer was held and saw Weaver there; then he told the jury he returned to the Chicago apartment of George Ziegler, slain Barker-Karpis mobster, to deliver a message from Alvin Karpis who was at the hideout, and that when he reached Ziegler's apartment he found Sawyer and Ziegler there.

He said he heard Ziegler tell Sawyer "You will have to get us a better place to work from. There's too much heat up there now."

Bolton's testimony, given in the trial of Sawyer, Weaver and Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, on kidnap charges, came after a federal department of justice agent, Earl J. Connelley, Cincinnati, quoted Sawyer as saying that he associated with Barker-Karpis mobsters after he learned of his indictment because he thought "this rapping of the Barker-Karpis boys was just another of those G-men jokes to throw the real kidnapers off the trail."

Admits Cleveland Visit.

Mr. Connelley, who talked to Sawyer in New Orleans May 6, 1935, after the latter's arrest, also quoted the reputed "fingerman" as saying that he was in Cleveland in July, 1934, because he wanted to "borrow" \$2,000 from the late Fred Barker, subsequently slain with his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker, by G-men in Oklawaha Fla.

In his testimony last April, Bolton, now awaiting sentence, "put the finger" on Sawyer, testified as to the delivery of the \$200,000 ransom to a Berwyn (Ill.) apartment occupied by Fred Barker and Volney Davis; told how George Ziegler, alias George Goetz, since slain, was in favor of switching from a kidnap job to holdup of Mr. Bremer's bank, the Commercial State, but was talked out of it "because it was too tough."

The federal government, however, contends that Sawyer was really in Ohio in July, 1934, because Barker-Karpis mobsters met there to split the \$200,000 ransom obtained for the release of Edward G. Bremer Feb. 7, 1934. The government already has adduced testimony that when Fred Barker brought the ransom money to the Weaver cottage near Toledo, Sawyer and his wife and their adopted child were with the slain gunman.

Mr. Connelley also said that Sawyer had identified pictures of various Barker-Karpis mobsters as persons with whom he had associated. Mr. Connelley also said that Sawyer told

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Bolton Puts 'Finger' On Harry Sawyer

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him, "I never paid Barker back the \$20,000."

Charles H. Olson, Detroit, another G-man, also told of talks he had with Sawyer. Mr. Olson quoted Sawyer as saying that he knew Volney (Curly) Davis, confessed kidnaper now serving a life term; all the Barkers, including Arthur (Doc) Barker, convicted here last spring and sentenced to life; Weaver, Harry Campbell and "the rest of them."

Considerable time was taken up during the morning with the cross-examination by Jerome Hoffmann, counsel for William Weaver, of Raymond C. Suran, special agent for the FBI. As Mr. Suran finished his testimony on direct examination.

Bremer Happy Kidnap An

Edward G. Bremer wife observed the anniversary of the kidnaping by at day's session in federal court. Mr. Bremer smiled his remark to comment. Mrs. Bremer said, "Happy? There certainly is a different feeling in here," as she pointed to her heart.

Mr. Hoffmann asked him about an alleged statement by Weaver.

Mr. Suran was about to take the paper out of his pocket when the government objected. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, jumped up and said, "If anyone is going to introduce the paper as evidence it will be the government."

Mr. Hoffmann then suggested that the court take the paper and study it and decide today.

The court ruled today against admission.

Mr. Suran also said that in his talk with Weaver, Sept. 2, 1935, at the Ramsey county jail, Weaver told him that two other gangs had planned to kidnap Mr. Bremer prior to the real kidnaping.

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The confessed kidnaper then said he went to Berwyn, Ill., where he gave Ziegler's widow, referred to in his testimony as "Irene Dorsey," \$2,000 and kept \$1,000 himself.

On a trip to Bensonville, Ill., Bolton testified, he met Sawyer and Fred Barker at the tavern of Elmer Farmer, who pleaded guilty previously and is serving a 20-year term as a conspirator in the kidnaping. Bolton said that was the latter part of June, 1934.

Asserting the conversation with Sawyer and Barker took place in a private room of the tavern, Bolton said:

"I asked Sawyer if he just came from St. Paul. He said he left St. Paul in April because federal agents were looking for him. He asked Barker who was going to handle the Bremer ransom money and Barker said he had a man in Detroit who would handle it for 25 per cent. He said the man could not get away right then but that he would go to Cuba to take care of it. Barker told me that if I wanted the rest of the money I could have the Bremer money. He offered me \$2,000 and told me I might as well exchange it. I told him I would prefer to wait until he exchanged it."

In November, 1934, Bolton testified, he saw Doc Barker and Willie Harrison, slain gangster. Asked by Sullivan to relate what he heard Bolton said:

"Doc Barker told Willie Harrison that 'Cash' (referred to frequently by the prosecution as Cassius McDonald) wanted to see him in Detroit. Doc gave him the telephone number where he could reach this man in Detroit. Willie got the number, packed his bags and was ready to go to Detroit that night."

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Resuming the stand as the government's ace witness, Byron Bolton, alleged machine gunner of the Barker-Karpis gang, gave additional testimony this afternoon connecting William Weaver and Harry Sawyer with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer and inferential characterized Cassius McDonald of Detroit as the "peddler" of the ransom money.

Bolton, who pleaded guilty in April, 1935, but has not been sentenced, detailed his participation in the \$200,000 abduction and recited the parts played by various members of the gang.

Bolton testified that on a visit to the hideout at Bensonville, Ill., where Bremer was imprisoned 21 days, he saw Weaver, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Harold Alderton and Arthur (Doc) Barker. Alderton and Barker are in prison and Karpis and Campbell are fugitives. Defendants in the present trial are Sawyer, Weaver and McDonald.

Bolton related the activities of February 8, 1934, the day following Bremer's release, when members of the gang carried the ransom money to the apartment of George Ziegler, slain Barker-Karpis gangster, and later took it to a garage at Bloomington, Ill., for safekeeping.

Bolton also testified concerning a trip he made to Aurora, Ill., shortly after the killing of Ziegler to obtain money for the gangster's widow. He named Volney Davis, Harry Campbell and Doc Barker as occupants of the house at Aurora. Responding to a question as to whether he was given any money at the Aurora hideout, Bolton testified:

"Weaver went into the front room and came back with a handful of \$100 bills and Doc Barker gave me \$3,000."

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Testifying as the government's
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fessed kidnaper, today identified
William Weaver and named four
other persons who were in the
"hideout" where Edward G. Brem-
er, St. Paul banker, was held for
22 days before being released on
payment of \$200,000 ransom.

Attired in a dark blue suit, his
jet-black hair slicked back, and
wearing a light tie, Bolton calmly
pointed to Weaver and named
Arthur (Doc) Barker, Alvin (Ray)
Karpis, Harry Campbell and Harry
Alderton as the other occupants he
saw in Alderton's home in Bens-
enville, Ill., the night of January 18,
1934, one day after the 38-year-old
bank president was abducted.

Bolton also identified Harry
Sawyer of St. Paul as the man he
saw in George Ziegler's apartment
in Chicago between January 23 and
25, 1934. Bolton said Sawyer was
sitting on a davenport and he
quoted Ziegler as saying to Sawyer:
"You will have to get us a better
place to work from, there's too
much heat on those places."
Bolton, on the stand in the trial
of Weaver, Cassius McDonald and
Sawyer as conspirators in the \$200,-
000 ransom kidnaping, told how he
first refused the offer of Ziegler,
alias Fred Goetz, to kidnap "a man
in St. Paul" but later acquiesced in
assisting in making contacts, dur-
ing the time Bremer was held pris-
oner. "Doc" Barker and Alderton
were convicted in the previous
Bremer kidnap trial, Barker being
given a life term in Alcatraz and
Alderton sentenced to 20 years in
prison. Karpis and Campbell are

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son or persons in the Alderton house on the night of January 18?

A. There was a man in the room just adjoining the kitchen.

Q. Who was that?

A. Bill Weaver.

Asked by Mr. Sullivan whether he observed Weaver in the courtroom, Bolton pointed his finger in the direction of the defendant, and identified him.

Attempts of counsel for Weaver to show that the Klutas-Touhy mob of Chicago was one of two gangs that once plotted the kidnaping of Bremer, were frustrated today by government objections in the Bremer kidnap trial.

Raymond C. Suran, Department of Justice agent who Thursday related a conversation he had with Weaver in the county jail in St. Paul, was recalled to the stand in the trial of Weaver, Cassius McDonauld, Detroit gambler, and Harry Sawyer of St. Paul on conspiracy kidnap charges for cross-examination by A. Jerome Hoffman, Weaver's

attorney. Suran previously testified that Weaver told him two Chicago gangs, prior to the abduction of Bremer, had intended to kidnap him but abandoned their scheme following an argument.

Jack Klutas, Chicago gangster, was killed shortly before Bremer's abduction.

"Is it not a fact that at one time you stated to Weaver you or your department had information to the effect that the Klutas mob had intended, prior to the kidnaping of Bremer, to snatch Bremer?" Hoffman asked Suran.

George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, jumped to his feet and objected to counsel "going into other mobs" and he was sustained by Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye.

"Do you claim this defendant told you that on prior occasions two other gangs intended to kidnap Edward Bremer?" Hoffmann queried.

"Yes."

"Did you ask him who those people were?"

"Yes," Suran replied.

Again, Hoffman endeavored to bring out the substance of the conversation between Weaver and the agent concerning the names of the mobs but he was balked a second time by the government and the court.

"Is it not a fact," Hoffman pressed, "that as part of your conversation with Weaver the name 'Klutas' was mentioned?"

Vigorous objection again was made by Heisey, with Hoffman shouting "I feel I am entitled to go into this question" but the court settled the debate by upholding the government's contentions.

Climaxing a heated discussion that had its inception late Thursday, Judge Nordbye ruled today that Hoffman was not entitled to obtain a copy of a report made by Suran following his conversations with Weaver in jail shortly after the defendant's arrest in Florida. Thursday, Hoffman demanded a copy of the report from which the witness admitted he refreshed his memory before testifying, but the court upheld the government's contentions that the report would not be made public.

Sees "Serious Interference."

"Publication of this report will seriously interfere with the Federal Department of Justice's investigation," Heisey contended as he cited a ruling of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a case he asserted was similar.

San Francisco EXAMINER
January 17, 1936.

HOST OF G-MEN GATHER HERE

G-men in large numbers have been drifting into San Francisco in the last few days on a mysterious mission, it was learned yesterday.

The usual reticence concerning activities of the Government sleuths prevailed in all quarters which might know their mission here but it was reported they have two objectives.

The first of these, according to reports, is a thorough inquiry into the activities and leadership of the maritime unions to determine whether a conspiracy exists among them in restraint of trade.

KARPIS SOUGHT.

The other report, more circumstantial, was that Alvin Karpis, notorious gangster and official Public Enemy No. 1, had been traced to this vicinity and that the concentration of agents had been ordered in an effort to effect his capture.

Foundation for the maritime mission, it was believed, lay in the recent statement of Attorney General Homer Cummings that he was having a legal study made to ascertain if waterfront unions could be prosecuted under anti-trust laws.

Cummings ordered the study after the local Chamber of Commerce requested him to combat radical union activities here by injunctive process.

Karpis, known to his pursuers as "Old Creepy," has been reported hiding in practically all parts of the country. Early this week he was reported to have escaped a trap laid for him in Illinois.

SUSPECT SEIZED.

G-men recently seized a man employed on a local WPA project, suspected of being William Mahan, long sought Weyerhaeuser kidnap suspect.

Elaborate preparations preceded his being taken into custody, so sure were Government agents that the man under observation was their quarry. Fifteen minutes of comparison of his fingerprints and other physical characteristics with those of Mahan, however, sufficed to identify him and effect his release.

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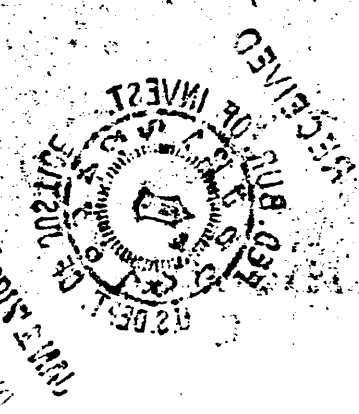
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Police Hunt for Karpis, Reported in Newark

Newark, N. J., Jan. 16 (AP).—City detectives searched the neighborhood of the Hudson Tube station for Alvin Karpis today after New York police sent out an automatic printer message that a taxicab driver had brought to Newark a man resembling the public enemy. The taxicab driver said his fare bore three facial scars and was accompanied by a blonde. He picked them up in New York, he said.



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TWO GET LIFE TERMS

Charles W. Kimler and Martin L. Bryant Guilty of Kidnaping.

LOS ANGELES, January 17 (P).—Charles W. Kimler and Martin L. Bryant were sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for kidnaping and extortion. They posed as officers, "arrested" William Watt, Claude V. Bayless and J. E. Wall of false "morals" charges, and obtained \$2,000 to be used "for bail." The Superior Court judge recommended the terms be served without opportunity of parole.

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KARPIS NURSE



Terese Carmichael, 29, who took care of Delores Delaney, woman companion of Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, as she was ready to testify in Bremer kidnapping case in St. Paul, Minn.

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WEAVER NAMED AS KIDNAPER OF BANKER BREMER

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 17.—[Special.]
—The second anniversary of the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, today found the government putting its final knots in the web which has been drawn around three of the 26 persons indicted for the abduction.

Of the others, chiefly members of the Barker-Karpis gang, all but two have been accounted for since Bremer was seized on a St. Paul street Jan. 17, 1934.

Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell still are at large. The remainder of the 26, excepting the three on trial, are in prison or dead.

In the trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald the government centered its attention on Weaver today.

Byron Bolton, confessed member of the kidnap gang, identified Weaver as one of the men in the Bensenville, Ill., hideout where Bremer was held for 21 days and named Alvin Karpis, Arthur [Doc] Barker, Harry Campbell and Harold Alderton as others who were there.

At the same time, as the government neared the end of its direct testimony, an attempt by Weaver's counsel to put blame for the Bremer abduction on the Jack Klutas gang of Chicago, was blocked by Judge Gun-

nar H. Nordbye, who sustained an objection to "going into other mobs." Bolton, awaiting sentence for his part in the kidnaping, also told of seeing Sawyer in the Bensenville house.

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ABDUCTION OF BREMER RETOLD BY KIDNAPER

Government Witness
Tightens Case of
Prosecution.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper, testified against three men charged as conspirators with him as the second anniversary of the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer found the government proceeding against remnants of the 22 persons indicted for his abduction.

HISTORY OF CASE.

Bremer, a banker, was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and released 22 days later after payment of \$200,000 ransom. Defendants in the present trial are William Weaver, indicted as an actual kidnaper; Harry Sawyer, alleged "finger man," and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer charged with having exchanged ransom money for other currency.

Bolton, playing the "star witness" role for the second time, named William Weaver and four other members of the Barker-Karpis gang as having been present at the Bensenville, Ill., home where Bremer was held captive. He testified in the previous trial after pleading guilty, but has not been sentenced.

NAMES KIDNAPERS.

Karpis, Campbell, Barker and Harold Alderton, previously convicted, he named as occupants of the "hideout."

Weaver and Sawyer, he added, were present at subsequent conferences over disposal of the ransom. He quoted Barker as saying he had a "man from Detroit" who would handle the ransom money exchange for 25 per cent, going to Cuba to carry it out.

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Bolton Links 3 To Bremer Ransom Deals

Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper "who hopes to live for many years" left the witness stand in federal court Friday confident that he had "righted a wrong."

Bolton was the federal government's chief witness against Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver on trial for alleged conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. The man, who last April pleaded guilty to the kidnaping and on May 6 testified against seven other defendants, repeated his story Friday with enough additional testimony to link the present three defendants with the Karpis-Barker mob, the kidnapers of the St. Paul banker.

Righted A Wrong.

On the stand for two hours for direct examination and undergoing a severe cross-examination by three defense attorneys for two additional hours Bolton left the witness stand tired and worn but a look of satisfaction on his face.

In answer to a cross-examination question by A. Jerome Hoffman, counsel for Weaver, Bolton admitted he was suffering from tuberculosis but "expected to live for a long time." The latter was in reply to a question if he didn't believe that he had but "two or three years of life left."

He felt that he had "righted a wrong" when he testified against men "whom he knew as guilty of the crime."

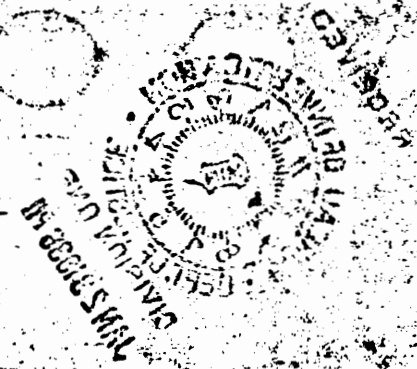
As in his testimony last May when he testified against Arthur Barker, Oliver Berg, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton, John J. McLaughlin, William Vidler and Philip Delaney, Bolton told the story of being sent for by Fred Goetz (Ziegler) to the Bensenville, Ill., hideout. This time, however, he added that he saw William Weaver in the house and saw Weaver lead the blindfolded Mr. Bremer from the bedroom to the bathroom.

Involved Sawyer.

Bolton brought Sawyer into the picture on two different occasions. Once in a conference with Ziegler in the latter's Chicago apartment a day after the snatching, Jan. 17, 1934, and said he overheard Ziegler tell Sawyer, "You'll have to get another place for us to work out of. That place up there is too hot now." Another time he brought Sawyer into the mob in a conference in Elmer Farmer's tavern at Bensenville, when plans were made for the exchanging of the money.

Although Cassius McDonald was not brought into the picture by name he was "brought in in such a manner that there was no question as to who he meant when he said 'Cash of Detroit' and a 'Detroit man was willing to exchange the money for 25 per cent and that the money was to be exchanged in Cuba.'"

"There will be no court session today."



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HELPED GANG UNDER THREAT, BOLTON SAYS

Anxious to Help Convict Bremer Kidnapers He Retorts to 'Trade' Query.

Byron Bolton, self-confessed kidnaper, gambler and one-time golf professional who reputedly was the machine-gunner for the Barker-Karpis mob, Friday afternoon told a Federal court jury he was "interested in convicting any one who was guilty" in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The pale-faced witness, who is awaiting sentence as a participant in the \$200,000 abduction January 17, 1934, defied attempts of counsel for William Weaver, Cassius McDonald and Harry Sawyer to show he testified as a government witness "to advance his own personal interests" and denied he was known as "Machine Gun Bolton" until he won the sobriquet from John DeCourcy, St. Paul attorney, at the first Bremer trial.

Repeatedly, when cross-examined by A. Jerome Hoffmann, counsel for Weaver, and Robert V. Rensch, attorney for Sawyer, the admitted kidnaper asserted that he did not refuse to follow instructions of his companions "because I knew it would not be healthy".

Bolton, who said he was suffering from tuberculosis, was asked by Rensch whether government representatives promised to aid him in the restoration of Federal compensation for disability incurred during World war service in "trade" for his testimony as a government witness.

Obviously incensed and raising his voice, which had been hardly audible throughout most of his testimony, Bolton emphatically asserted: "I am here to testify against men I know are guilty and I will tell what I know."

Rensch then asked Bolton whether he hoped, by his testimony, to aid his wife and two children, 13 and 15 years old. The witness answered: "I hope the government will be less severe with a man who tells the truth."

In cross-examination, Bolton admitted that since his arrest the government started payments of \$41 a month to him for disability in war service and \$33.75 a month to his wife.

Bolton, who pleaded guilty in April, 1935, but has not been sentenced, detailed his participation in the abduction and recited the parts

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played by various members of the gang.

Bolton testified that on the visit to the hideout at Bensonville he saw Weaver, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, Harold Alderton and Arthur (Doc) Barker. Alderton and Barker are in prison and Karpis and Campbell are fugitives.

Bolton related the activities of February 8, 1934, the day following Bremer's release, when members of the gang carried the ransom money to the apartment of George Ziegler, slain Barker-Karpis gangster, and later took it to a garage at Bloomington, Ill., for safekeeping.

He also testified concerning a trip he made to Aurora, Ill., shortly after the killing of Ziegler to obtain money for the gangster's widow. He named Volney Davis, Campbell and Doc Barker as occupants of the house at Aurora. Responding to a question as to whether he was given any money at the Aurora hideout, Bolton testified:

"Weaver went into the front room and came back with a handful of \$100 bills and Doc Barker gave me \$3,000."

The confessed kidnaper then said he went to Berwyn, Ill., where he gave Ziegler's widow, referred to in his testimony as "Irene Dorsey", \$2,000 and kept \$1,000 himself.

On a trip to Bensonville, Bolton testified, he met Sawyer and Fred Barker at the tavern of Elmer Farmer, who pleaded guilty previously and is serving a 20-year term as a conspirator in the kidnaping. Bolton said that was the latter part of June, 1934.

Asserting the conversation with Sawyer and Barker took place in a private room of the tavern, Bolton said:

"I asked Sawyer if he just came from St. Paul. He said he left St. Paul in April because Federal agents were looking for him. He asked

Barker who was going the Bremer ransom money. Barker said he had a maitre d' who would handle per cent. He said the maitre d' not get away right then he would go to Cuba to of it. Barker told me wanted the rest of the could have the Bremer ransom offered me \$2,000 and I might as well exchange him I would prefer to be exchanged it."

Judge Gunnar H. Wordby denied requests of counsel for the defendants for permission to interview Delores Delaney, Wynona Burdette and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, all in the Ramsey county jail. Miss Murray, known as "the kiss-

ing bandit", has testified as a government witness but Miss Delaney, sweetheart of Karpis, and Miss Burdette, "girl friend" of Campbell, were not called as witnesses as the government had intended.

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GOVERNMENT TO REST CASE IN BREMER TRIAL

Three Witnesses En Route From
 Washington Will Be Last
 to Be Called.

By the Associated Press.
 ST. PAUL, January 18.—The Gov-
 ernment will rest its case in the Ed-
 ward G. Bremer kidnap trial Mon-
 day, George F. Sullivan, United States
 district attorney, announced as the
 jury was given a day of rest today.
 The prosecution's last three wit-
 nesses in the case of Cassius McDona-
 ld, William Weaver and Harry Saw-
 yer, charged with conspiracy, were
 en route from Washington.
 "These men merely will testify con-
 cerning the mutilation by the
 United States Treasury of the Bremer
 ransom bills exchanged in Havana,
 Cuba, and the Government then will
 rest its case," Mr. Sullivan said.
 Defense counsel indicated they
 would require four or five days. A.
 Jerome Hoffman, counsel for Weav-
 er, said his client would testify, while
 attorneys for McDonald and Sawyer
 had not decided whether their clients
 would take the stand.



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BANDITS BATTLE FEDERAL AGENTS IN FLORIDA

BARRICADED IN DESERTED HOUSE; BELIEVED TO BE CHICAGO OUTLAWS

OCKLAWAHA, Fla., January 16 (A.P.)—A group of about fifteen federal agents and an undetermined number of bandits, reported to be Chicago gangsters, were engaging in a machine gun fight here today. The firing has been continuing since 7 o'clock when the gangsters barricaded themselves in a deserted house on the outskirts of the village and refused demands that they surrender.

Ocklawaha is a small citrus village on the main north-south highway through Florida and is approximately 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville.

As far as could be ascertained there were no casualties on either side yet, but the rat-a-tat-tat of machine gun fire could be heard from both the barricaded men and the agents.

"I can hear them plainly," the woman operator of a hotel said. "It has been going on since about 7 o'clock this morning, and it looks like somebody is going to get hurt soon. It is a real battle."

The agents themselves could not be contacted immediately to ascertain who the gangsters are.

There are only a few scattered houses and business stores and winter visitors to Florida often pass the town without knowing it is there.

The town is in the southern part of Marion county, which is near the center of the state. It is about twenty miles southeast of Ocala, the county seat.

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THERESE CARMICHAEL
 Miami, Fla., nurse who is aiding the government in the trial of three in the Bremer kidnaping case. She was employed during the illness of Dolores Delaney, girl friend of Alvin Karpis, and identified Cassius McDonald as having been a Karpis visitor. International News photo.

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Three In Bremer Case Expect Denials

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20 (I.N.S.)—The Government rested its case shortly before noon today against three defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer. Defense counsel; Harry Sawyer, alleged finger man; Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor and alleged "money changer"; and William Weaver, Barker-Karpis mobster, prepared to make the usual motions for dismissal, but were half-hearted about it, anticipating summary denials by Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye.



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SAWYER NOT IN APARTMENT, GOETZ' WIDOW SAYS ON STAND

The widow of a slain Barker-Karpis gangster took the stand in Federal court here today and flatly contradicted testimony of the federal government's star witness against three men accused of conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

She is Irene Goetz, now of Wilmington, Ill., widow of Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler. Goetz, known in Chicago as a gunman and desperado, was killed two months after the Bremer kidnaping, reputedly by members of the gang for whom he served as "brains" in the kidnaping.

Dark-haired, young and quietly dressed in black, Mrs. Goetz testified that Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger and alleged finger-man in the kidnaping, was not in her apartment in Chicago at any time during January, 1934. Byron Bolton, a member of the kidnap gang who already has pleaded guilty to conspiracy in the abduction, testified as a government witness that Sawyer visited the Goetz apartment in Chicago for conferences on the kidnaping while Bremer was being held by the abductors at Bensonville, Ill.

Mrs. Goetz' testimony began after Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha of Sawyer's counsel made an opening statement to the jury. Council for William Weaver and Cassius McDonald, the other two defendants, waived opening statements.

In his opening statement O'Sullivan disclosed that Sawyer's defense will be a general denial of all the government's allegations and testimony that Sawyer was in the kidnap plot. He said evidence will show that statements attributed to Sawyer by Edna (Rabbits) Murray, companion of Volney Davis, a kidnap gang member, were never made by Sawyer.

Defense testimony for Sawyer also will show, O'Sullivan said, that Sawyer was never in Bensonville, Ill., that he has been in St. Paul twenty years, that he met all classes of people during his conduct of a tavern business on Wabasha street and that he met a number of persons mentioned in the trial as members of the kidnap gang under names and identities different from those disclosed at the trial.

Sawyer will be his own principal witness, it was indicated by his attorneys and O'Sullivan's summary of the evidence to be presented.

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Three Defendants In Bremer Case To Take Stand

Harry Sawyer, reputed erstwhile underworld kingpin here; Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver will take the witness stand in their own defense against charges of kidnap conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Defense attorneys, heretofore uncertain as to just which of the defendants would take the stand, announced that each would tell his story.

The announcement came as the defense began presentation of its case in the \$200,000 kidnaping trial in federal court here. Presentation began this afternoon before Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye shortly after the government had rested.

Before resting its case, the government presented testimony of 66 witnesses during the two weeks the case has been on trial.

The government, although charging the three with conspiracy, alleged that Sawyer was the local man who planned the abduction and put the finger on the St. Paul bank president; that McDonald coerced \$92,000 of the ransom in Cuba; that Weaver participated in the actual snatch Jan. 17, 1934.

The defense announced that it would take but "two or three days" to complete its case.

Just before the government rested today the defense was denied a motion to quash the evidence given in the exchanging of the ransom money. They charged that the government by failing to bring into court the ransom bills, allegedly destroyed by the United States treasury made the secondary evidence, such as ransom money numbers immaterial to the case.

U. S. Rests In Bremer Kidnap Charges Trial

After calling treasury department officials who testified as to the destruction of a portion of the Edward G. Bremer ransom money that was found in Cuba, the government rested its case against three defendants today.

The government closed just as the trial entered its third week. Defendants, charged with conspiracy to kidnap the St. Paul banker are Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor; Harry Sawyer, once underworld kingpin here, and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver.

The government called 66 witnesses.

Last three testifying were three members of the redemption and destruction department of the United States treasury. They told how, between May 16 and May 31, 1935, some \$68,000 worth of ransom money was destroyed. They testified it had come from Cuba where, the government contends, McDonald exchanged \$92,000 of the \$200,000 ransom.

The witnesses were M. E. Slindee, Lincoln G. Copeland and John F. Moran.

Defense attorneys were undecided today as to which of the three defendants will take the stand on his own behalf. Indications are that both McDonald and Weaver will offer alibis. Counsel for Sawyer was undecided as to whether Sawyer will testify.

The case is expected to reach the jury this week.

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LONELY, HUNTED, KARPIS LEAVES "COLD TRAIL"

Two Years After Bremer "Snatch" Leader Is Shunned by Gangs

HE'S LAST OF HIS MOB

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(A. P.)—Somewhere in America tonight, a gaunt, slight fellow known to his few remaining pals as "Old Creepy" is passing a lonely anniversary.

Two years ago, Alvin Karpis, now 27 years old, allegedly held Edward G. Bremer in the kidnapping "job" which made him "public enemy No. 1"—marked for death, or life in Alcatraz; shunned by the underworld, and hunted by the world of law and order.

Justice department men say the trail is "cold" right now, but their relentless manhunt continues. Karpis was "hot" last summer, soon after bravado led him to write a threatening note to J. Edgar Hoover, director of the bureau of investigation. At Saratoga Spring, N. Y., rumor said Karpis had played the horses and lost, but escaped a Federal trap.

At the justice department it is said he was last seen by officers a year ago, when he and his pal, Harry Campbell, made a gun-brandishing escape from police at an Atlantic City, N. J., hotel. They left their girl-friends to face trial.

Other alleged members of the notorious Barker-Karpis gang, helpers and hangers-on, have been rounded up one by one during the past year. William Weaver and Myrtle Eaton were picked up last summer in the Florida house where they were living as man and wife, using a child as a "front." Cassius McDonald is standing trial in a St. Paul court against charges that he worked with the gang in the Bremer kidnapping. The charred remains of "Willie" Harrison were found and identified last summer in a burned barn at Ontarioville, Ill.

Of the mob, only Karpis and Campbell are still at large. Kate "Ma" Barker, was slain with her son, Fred, when Federal agents besieged their house at Oklawaha, Fla. Herman Barker committed suicide rather than face conviction. Arthur "Doc" Barker, Lloyd Barker, Volney Davis are serving long terms in Federal penitentiaries.

Some sources close to J. Edgar Hoover say Karpis has had his face lifted. Officially, the report has never been affirmed or denied. But face-lifting failed to save John Dillinger, last "public enemy No. 1," from the fate "G-men" had planned for him.

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EDNA MURRAY BACK

Woman Bandit Is Returned From St. Paul.

Edna Murray, the "kissing bandit" of a decade ago, more recently a witness in the Bremer kidnaping case, was returned Sunday to the women's prison at Jefferson City Sunday by United States marshals. She was held in the Jackson county jail 3 hours Sunday morning between trains.

Edna Murray had been taken by the government to St. Paul under a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum to testify in the trial of Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald, all charged with conspiracy in the 1934 abduction.

Miss Murray was sentenced to serve a 25-year term for first degree robbery in 1925, and broke jail three times. It was while she was a fugitive that she became acquainted with the Bremer kidnapers. Charges filed against her by the government in connection with the case were dismissed last May.

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Defense Calls Bremer In Kidnaping Charge

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan.
 (N.S.).—Edward G. Bremer,
 bank president, for whose kidnap-
 ing three men are on trial in Fed-
 eral court, today was subpoenaed
 as a witness for the defense.

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Weaver also denied knowing Sred Goetz, alias George Ziegler, Chicago gangster since slain, who is alleged to have participated with Weaver, Karpis, the Barker brothers and Davis in the actual kidnapping of Bremer.

Weaver took the stand after the defense for Sawyer had rested. Attorneys for Sawyer asked for a recess to call more witnesses and this was denied. They then rested.

Sawyer testified that he left St. Paul because he was afraid of mistreatment by Federal agents. He said that after he learned what these agents did to his wife when she was arrested in Cleveland he "did not feel" like giving himself up. He said he learned that the agents held persons in the Federal building in St. Paul for hours, removing their clothing while they were held. He asserted this was the only reason he did not surrender. He said he was not guilty of any part of the Bremer kidnapping or conspiracy.

SAWYER DENIES FLEEING FROM INDICTMENT

**TELLS OF HIS TRAVELS
FROM WITNESS STAND**

Questioned by Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, one of his counsel, Sawyer denied knowing that he had been indicted for the offense.

Sawyer is one of three defendants on trial in Federal court here for conspiracy in the Bremer abduction. The others are Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, and William Weaver, of Arkansas, gangster.

Replying to questions regarding the testimony of Edna (Rabbits) Murray, star government witness who told of meeting Sawyer at a beach near Sandusky, Ohio, in company with members of the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob, Sawyer admitted of having seen her there on several occasions.

"What was her condition when you saw her?" O'Sullivan asked.

A.—Well, every time I saw her she was drunk.

He said he knew Harry Sawyer, a co-defendant in the present trial for conspiracy to kidnap Bremer, having met him in Sawyer's tavern here in 1932. He denied knowing Harold Alderton or Elmer Farmer of Bensenville, Ill., where Bremer was held captive. He said he saw Farmer, Alderton and Byron Bolton in the Ramsey county jail. Bolton has pleaded guilty to a part in the kidnap conspiracy and is a government witness. Weaver denied knowing Bolton.

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Q.—Was she up and about?
A.—Hardly.
Q.—What do you mean by that?
A.—Well, she was always lying down on a bed in the house.

Regarding government testimony that he had been in Miami, Fla., with Willie Harrison, Barker-Karpis mobster, in September, 1934, Sawyer said that was true.

Q.—How long were you there?
A.—About a week or ten days.
Q.—Why did you make the trip?
A.—Harrison said he had run a café there the winter before and it made money. He asked me if I would be interested in operating a cabaret there with him. I told him I would be interested if it did not

cost too much and if he would stay sober.

Q.—Did you have any other reason for making the trip?
A.—Absolutely not.

Q.—What did you do in Miami?
A.—Well, I drank beer and drove around a little. It was terribly hot and I stayed in my room a good deal of the time.

Contradicts Hotel Man.

Sawyer contradicted testimony by Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Commodore hotel, where he and Harrison stayed, that he and Adams and McDonald had driven out to view a prospective night club site. He said that he and Harrison had gone out with Adams and a man whose name he did not recall. The other man, he said, was not McDonald. He added he had never met McDonald.

Sawyer said he had looked at several night club prospects but did not take over any of them.

Q.—Why was that?
A.—For one reason, Harrison was drunk practically all the time we were there. He had promised to stay sober but he did not do so.

Q.—Was there any other reason you did not stay in Miami and take over a cabaret?

A.—Yes, I read that my wife had been arrested in Cleveland.

Sawyer testified that he went from Miami to Detroit, then to Ludington, Mich., and then by boat to Wisconsin, where he went to Green Bay, Eau Claire and Superior before going to Duluth.

Continuing his story of his travels, he said he returned to St. Paul in November, 1934, got in touch with his wife in Minneapolis and drove with her to Des Moines, Iowa, then to Blair, Neb., where they took a cabin. From Blair they went to Omaha, where Mrs. Sawyer left her automobile in which they had been driving and got another car.

"What did you do in Omaha?" O'Sullivan asked.

"I saw you," Sawyer replied. "Drove on to Mississippi."

Sawyer said that from Omaha he and his wife drove to Mississippi, where they lived for a time in Gulfport, prior to Thanksgiving, 1934. Later they moved to Long Beach, Miss., where Sawyer said they were living at the time of his arrest May 3, 1935, at Pass Christian.

Sawyer said that up to the time of his arrest he had been operating an establishment where gambling was conducted in a rear room with a liquor bar in front.

Referring to his activities in St. Paul, before the kidnaping, the witness told of being in partnership with the late Danny Hogan in a restaurant at 545 Wabasha street.

Cross-examined by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Sawyer told of leaving St. Paul about April 11 or 12, 1934, a little more than a month after Bremer's release by kidnapers. The banker was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and released March 7. Sawyer said he was living at that time on his farm near Rice street and Hodgson road.

"When did you first learn that the federal agents wanted you?" the prosecutor asked.

"I don't remember the date," Sawyer replied. "It was one Saturday night. When I got home the maid told me some federal agents had been there and wanted to see me."

To Nevada in April.

Sawyer said he remained at the farm until the following Monday noon. He said the date was about April 1 or 2, 1934. Then he and his wife went to their home at 1878 Jefferson avenue and stayed there until about April 11 or 12, when they left for Las Vegas, Nev.

"Before leaving, did you call the federal agents?" Sullivan asked.

A.—No.
Q.—Did you call the police?

A.—No.
Q.—You had a good many friends in town, did you not?

A.—Yes.
Q.—Did you call any of them and tell them you were leaving?

A.—No.

Questioned regarding his stay in Cleveland, where he said he went from Las Vegas, Sawyer admitted living there with his wife at the home of Al Karpis and Delores Delaney. Among those he saw there were Freddie Barker and Paula Harmon. He denied knowing anything about their business however.

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Call Bremer As Witness For Defense

Sawyer Admits Fleeing
Because He Feared G-
Men; Hints At "Third
Degree."

Edward G. Bremer, victim of the \$200,000 kidnaping for which three men are on trial was subpoenaed this afternoon as a witness for the defense.

Papers were served on him just as he left the federal court building where earlier in the day he heard Harry Sawyer, one-time underworld kingpin in St. Paul, testify that he fled from the city because "G-men" had "turned on the heat" in the "nation's poison spot of crime" after the abduction.

Questioned by his attorney, Eugene O'Sullivan, Sawyer, testifying in his own defense:

Q. After you were told you were indicted, why didn't you give yourself up?

A. After I found out what they did to my wife in Cleveland and Chicago I didn't feel like giving myself up.

Q. What are conditions here? What were police and agents doing?

A. They were picking up people, keeping them in the building for hours. They would strip them of clothes. Dillinger had trouble with them. Eddie Green was shot by them. That's why I left.

Thus, hinting at "third degree" methods on the part of federal agents, Sawyer, the smile of confidence vanished from his face, continued on the witness stand his protest that he is innocent of the charge of conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Bremer. Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver are on trial in federal court here before Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye.

He declared that:

He had never been in possession of any of the \$200,000 Bremer ransom money but that he had borrowed \$2,000 from the late Fred Barker in "50 and \$100 bills—there were no \$5 and \$10 bills."

Edna (Rabbits) Murray, who testified that Sawyer and his wife were in Toledo when the ransom was split, was "lying drunk on a bed." Mrs. Murray previously testified that Sawyer told her that as soon as "I get my dough I'm going to get out; the boys are quarrelling too much."

He went to Florida with Willie Harrison, slain Barker-Karpis mobster, to "buy a cabaret," but didn't "because Harrison stayed drunk all the time" and because "I read of my wife's arrest in Cleveland."

Last time he saw William Goetz, another slain Barker-Karpis gangster, was in September, 1933, four months before the Bremer snatch.

Thus did he contradict testimony of Byron Bolton, confessed kidnaper, who told of seeing Sawyer with Goetz at the time of the kidnaping.

A sweeping denial to all charges that he had anything to do with the kidnaping, that he had planned the kidnaping with Barker-Karpis gangsters, that he had received any of the ransom money or that he pointed out Mr. Bremer to the snatchers, was entered by Sawyer.

Friend Of Bremer.

He knew the Bremer family since 1922, he said. He was friendly with them. Both Edward G. Bremer, the kidnaping victim, and Adolph, the father, visited his place of business at 545 Wabasha st., and drank beer, he testified. "I was friendly enough with Edward Bremer to say 'hello Eddie,' and he would answer 'how are you Harry,'" Sawyer testified from the stand.

Sawyer admitted he met several of the Karpis-Barker gang leaders in his place of business, but he had no knowledge of their business. He admitted that he stayed at Alvin Karpis' and Fred Barker's apartments in Cleveland, but said he knew Karpis as Ray Hunter and Barker as Blackburne.

Visited Cottage.

Sawyer also admitted at Toledo seeing Volney Davis and Edna Murray at the lake cottage, but denied being there when Davis and Barker quarreled over the division of the ransom money as charged by Edna Murray.

He admitted that Byron Bolton, introduced to him as Carter, bought a bottle of whisky in his place on Wabasha st.

Sawyer said he left St. Paul April 12, 1934, for Las Vegas, Nev., because the town was booming, and he wanted to open a dance hall there. He could not connect and went to Reno and again failed to connect.

Gangster's Widow Witness.

Sawyer followed Irene Goetz to the stand. Mrs. Goetz, widow of a slain gangster, was the first defense witness.

She denied testimony of Byron Bolton that she received money from him, or even saw Bolton after April.

Mrs. Goetz denied Sawyer visited them in January as claimed by Bolton.

The defense is expected to complete its side of the case by Thursday.

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**Slain Gangman's Widow
Testifies in Bremer Trial**

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Irene Goetz, Wilmington, Ill., widow of Fred Goetz, slain member of the Baker-Karpis gang, took the stand today as the first defense witness in the trial of three men charged with conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer abduction.

Mrs. Goetz denied that Harry Sawyer, alleged kidnap "finger man," was in her Chicago apartment in January, 1934. Byron Bolton, who has pleaded guilty, testified previously that Sawyer visited the apartment to confer about the abduction while Bremer was being held, between January 17 and February 7, 1934.

Other defendants on trial are Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, charged as a money changer, and William Weaver, indicted as an actual kidnaper.

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KARPIS REPORTED IN CRASH,

KANSAS POLICE FLY TO SCENE

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 22.—Acting on reports that a wrecked car near Manhattan had been abandoned by Alvin Karpis, America's public enemy No. 1, State highway patrolmen made a hurried departure from here by airplane today.

The car, a stolen machine, was reported to have contained several guns and considerable ammunition. It was wrecked and abandoned on U. S. Highway 77, officers stated. State patrolmen here said there were two men in the car, one of them answering the description of Karpis.

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DEFENSE RESTS CASE OF BREMER SUSPECTS

ST. PAUL, Jan. 22 (AP).—The defense rested today in the trial of three defendants charged with conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, on January 17, 1934.

The defendants are Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, charged as a money changer; William Weaver, indicted as an actual kidnaper, and Harry Sawyer, charged with being the finger man in the \$200,000 abduction.

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Conspiracy in the Edward Bremer kidnaping case will continue as long as there is any of the \$200,000 ransom money left, George Halsey, assistant United States district attorney, declared late today in requesting a jury in federal district court to convict three alleged conspirators in the case.

Mr. Halsey stated that the government does not contend that Cassius McDonald, alleged money changer, was an actual kidnaper.

The prosecutor also pointed out that the stories of Harry Sawyer, St. Paul, alleged finger-man, and William Weaver, were not corroborated by "even one witness."

Accuses Sawyer.

"Sawyer was not at the kidnaping scene," Mr. Halsey said, "because he is not courageous enough. But if he came in on the crime later he is as guilty as the men who seized Bremer."

After explaining that conspiracy exists when a group of men agreed to commit a crime for money, Mr. Halsey declared that "anyone who kidnaps a human being and sells him back to his friends and relatives as a piece of merchandise has a heart cold as crystal, hard as glass and Sawyer and Weaver belong in that class."

The prosecutor then told the jurors that Mr. Bremer still is suffering from his experiences at the kidnap hideout at Bensenville, Ill., and showed his suffering when he broke down on the witness stand during the present trial.

Evidence Circumstantial.

He admitted that the government can only prove by circumstantial evidence that there was a conspiracy to kidnap.

Mr. Halsey stated that the government holds no brief for Edna Murphy and Byron Bolton, who aided the prosecution, but added that they are "not nearly as bad as the defense would make them out."

The case probably will go to the jurors Thursday.

Defense Ends Evidence In Bremer Case

Fate Of Three Charged With Kidnaping Plot And Handling Ransom Money Nears Jury.

Fate of three men, charged with conspiring to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul bank president, neared a jury today.

Without calling the victim himself as they had previously planned, the defense rested its case shortly before noon.

The government immediately announced that it would not call rebuttal witnesses, and when the defense made a similar announcement, Judge Gunnar H. Nordby granted a recess until this afternoon when arguments to the jury will begin.

Weaver Last Witness.

After the arguments and Judge Nordby's charge the case of Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor; William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, and Harry Sawyer, reputed one-time underworld kingpin here, will go to a federal court jury.

Last witness to be called was Weaver.

Dismissal Denied.

The government argument is expected to take at least three hours. George A. Halsey, assistant district attorney, will open. A. Jerome Hoffmann on behalf of Weaver; Eugene O'Sullivan for Sawyer, and Everett Jennings for McDonald will follow for the defense. George F. Sullivan, district attorney, will then give his rebuttal argument.

Before court adjourned Judge Nordby denied motions made by the

defense for dismissal or directed verdict of not guilty. Mr. Jennings charged that the government did not at any time show that McDonald knew the money he was exchanging in Cuba was Bremer ransom money.

Under cross-examination by George A. Halsey, assistant district attorney, Weaver today declared that he had left St. Paul Jan. 13, 1934, four days before Mr. Bremer was kidnaped for \$200,000 ransom. Under re-direct examination he said that he had made a mistake; that he really left Jan. 15.

Girl Had Money.

He testified that in September, 1934, he went to Florida; that in November he bought property at Oaks Harbor, Fla., but protested that "Myrtle (Myrtle Eaton, with whom he lived) paid for it." Asked where she had got the money, he said, "I don't know. She had several thousand dollars." He said they spent between \$3,500 and \$4,000 on the house.

Asked if he ever visited the Sawyer farm on the outskirts of St. Paul he said that once in the fall of 1933 he dropped in to say "hello," had Yule dinner there the same year. He said he did not recall whether the late Fred Barker and his moll, Paula Harmon, were there, admitted there were "some people there."

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He said he tried to get away—and did move away from the mob, “because the mobsters were drinking too much.”

The reason he changed his name so often, he said, was that he had violated his parole from the Oklahoma prison and feared being taken into custody again.

He came to St. Paul in 1931 and stayed here until Jan. 13, 1934. While here he was engaged in the alcohol business. At Aurora, Toledo and other places he picked up a “few hundred dollars” playing cards and shooting craps. This money plus the \$2,500 he had when he left St. Paul enabled him to pay \$1,600 for a lot near Daytona, Fla., where he went in for chicken raising. He was in that business when arrested Sept. 1, 1935 by federal agents.

Town Too “Hot.”

On redirect examination Weaver told Mr. Hoffmann that the reason he did not return to St. Paul after leaving here Jan. 13, 1934, was that he read of the Bremer kidnaping and the town was too “hot” and he could not afford to be picked up for investigation as he was a parole violator.

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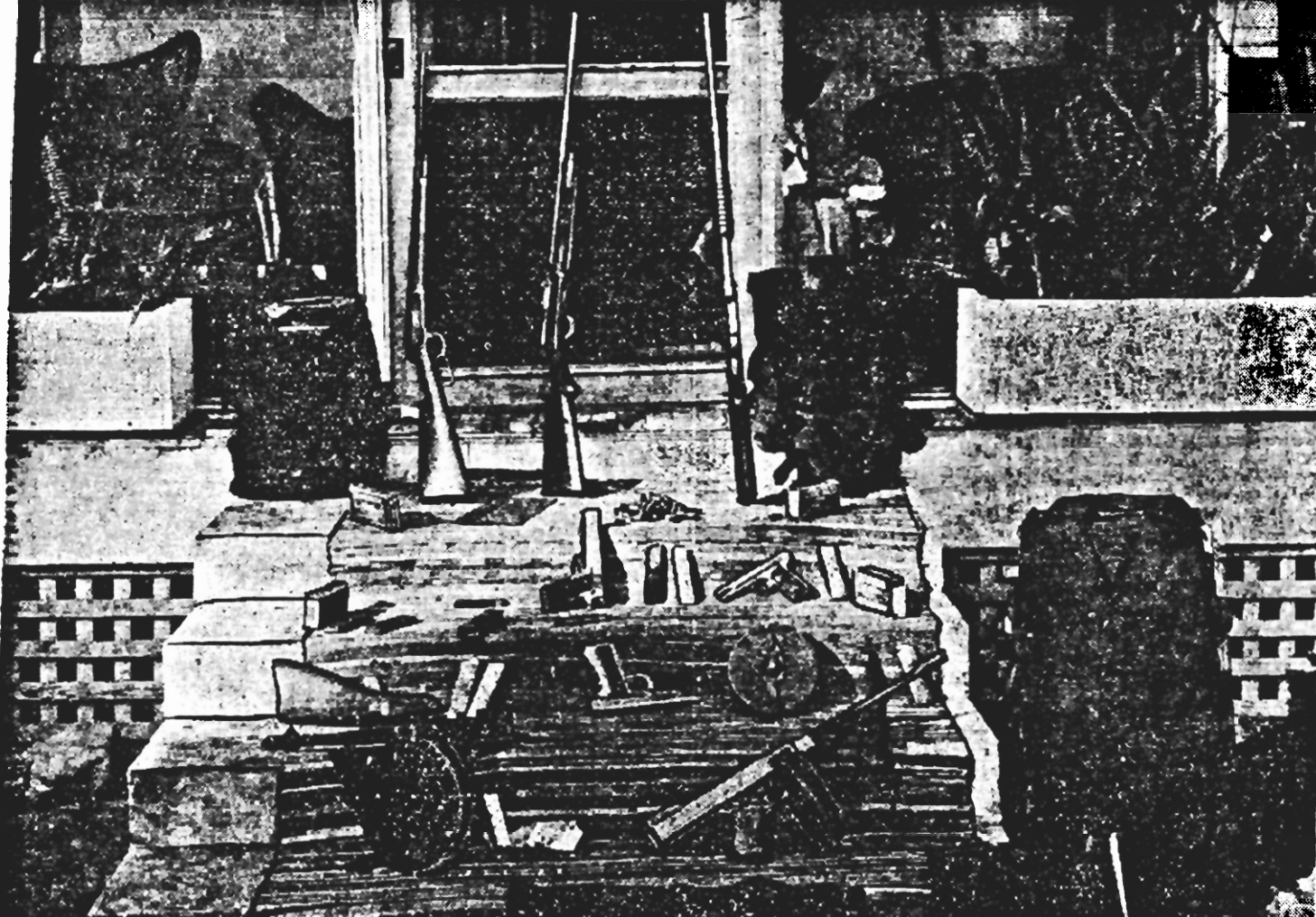
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Guns Used By Barkers In Fight With "G-Men"



A man is as powerful as his best guns was the slogan of the late Fred Barker, notorious co-leader of the Barker-Karpis mob. Here is what federal agents testified they found in the home of Ma and Fred Barker when G-men knocked them off last January at Oklawaha, Fla. The testimony was given in the present Edward G. Bremer kidnaping trial. The photo, taken outside the Barker cottage, shows an automatic shotgun, a pump shotgun, a rifle, two .45 automatic pistols, one .38 automatic pistol, two Thompson submachine guns, cartridges and shells and a half dozen bullet-proof vests.

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HEISEY FLAYS DEFENDANTS IN KIDNAPING OF BREMER

In a voice shaking with emotion, George Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, this afternoon branded the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, as "the most horrendous crime that is known to the mind of man."

At the opening of the afternoon session, Mr. Heisey began government's final argument as the final move to send three men—Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald—to prison for the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Bremer January 17, 1934.

Accused as Kidnapers.

Weaver is accused as one of the actual kidnapers; Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger and one time underworld kingpin, is named as the "finger man" who assisted the abductors in hatching the plot and McDonald, charged with being the principal "money changer."

Weaver and McDonald kept their eyes cast toward the floor as Heisey spoke, while Sawyer, his head lifted high, fixed his eyes on the jury.

"This is a conspiracy case," Heisey asserted. "There are crimes which are committed solely for the purpose of profit—pecuniary profit—by that that I mean money. Conspiracy is a continuing offense. The presumption is the conspiracy continues until it is shown definitely that the conspiracy is ended. The crime of kidnaping is perpetrated with only one thing in mind, and that is to gain profit."

"This conspiracy did not end with the release of Mr. Bremer on February 7, 1934, at Rochester, Minn. It did not end until the actual kidnapers were successful in converting to their own use the profits of their crime."

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McDonald Put In Picture.

"The government makes no claim that the defendant McDonald in this case is an actual kidnaper. We claim that after the conspiracy—some months after the conspiracy—around the latter part of June or first part of July, 1934—Mr. McDonald commenced to appear in the picture as an aider and abettor in this crime. Mr. McDonald, the government does claim, is a conspirator in this crime."

Heisey then switched to the period shortly before the kidnaping was executed and told of the association of the defendants, Weaver and Sawyer, with other confederates of the Barker-Karpis mob which is blamed for the kidnaping.

Tells of Gang's Arrival.

"The government claims," Heisey shouted, "along about December 1, 1933, there was in the city of St. Paul certain underworld characters—that they came to the city from Reno, Nev. There was Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and Freddie Barker, with their women and Doc Barker, and after they arrived in the city of St. Paul, they met with the underworld characters who are already here in this city and evolved and hatched one of the most horrendous crimes that is known to the mind of man."

"I want to say that a group of men who get together with such regard for human beings, and seize them as they would a piece of merchandise, take them away from their dear ones and loved ones and sell them back to them as merchandise, have hearts as cold as crystal—and we claim that Harry Sawyer and William Weaver are within that category."

"I want to say that Edward Bremer still suffers every moment of every minute, every hour of every day of every week from his experiences in that living hell."

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Bolton Testimony Reviewed.

Heisey then reviewed the testimony of Byron Bolton, reputed machine gunner for the Barker-Karpis gang, and Mrs. Edna (Rabbits) Murray, known as the "kissing bandit" who is serving a term in Missouri prison, who were the government's star witnesses. Bolton pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentence.

Heisey then told the jury that by "tie-ups" and "evidence" in the case he could demonstrate that Mrs. Murray, freed as a conspirator in the first Bremer trial, and Bolton, told the truth. He belittled the alibi of Weaver that he was in Des Moines the day of the kidnaping and called attention of the jurors that his testimony and the testimony of Sawyer, who took the stand in his own behalf, was not corroborated by any defense witnesses.

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BREMER JURY LIKELY TO GET CASE THURSDAY

Final Arguments Follow Deci-
sion to Omit Rebuttal
Testimony.

DIRECTED VERDICT DENIED DEFENDANTS

The case of three men charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 ransom kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer probably will reach a jury Thursday, it was indicated today after the defense rested abruptly.

Government attorneys decided not to put in any rebuttal testimony, and the jury was excused until the afternoon court session when final arguments were to begin. George A. Heisey, assistant United States attorney, was to begin them on behalf of the government. Time for argument was unlimited.

Motions on behalf of each defendant for a directed verdict of not guilty were denied before final arguments opened.

The three defendants are Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, alleged to be the "finger" man who pointed out Bremer to his abductors; William Weaver, Little Rock, Ark., paroled convict, charged with being one of the actual abductors; and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer and gambler, charged with being a "money changer" for the kidnap gang.

Weaver's defense closed shortly before 11 A. M. today with Weaver as the only witness presented. Then Everett Jennings of Chicago, attorney for McDonald, said he had no testimony to present. Sawyer's defense was completed Tuesday afternoon.

In completing his testimony today, Weaver repeated the assertion he made Tuesday that he left St. Paul on January 13, 1934, three days before the Bremer kidnaping. He said he went to Des Moines, intending to return in two days. He did not return, he said, because of the Bremer kidnaping. Under examination by his attorney, A. Jerome Hoffmann, he said he was afraid to return here for fear of arrest. He had violated his parole from the Oklahoma state penitentiary, he said, and "could not stand" an arrest or investigation.

Under cross-examination by George A. Heisey, assistant United States attorney, Weaver said he had visited Sawyer's farm home north of St. Paul twice in the fall of 1933 and that on Christmas day, 1933, he and Myrtle Eaton, with whom he was arrested in Florida, had dinner at the Sawyer home.

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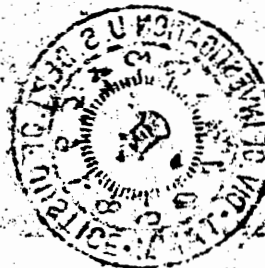
KARPIS FLEES AUTO WRECK

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 22 (I.N.S.)—Acting on reports that a wrecked car near Manhattan had been abandoned by Alvin Karpis, America's Public Enemy No. 1, State highway patrolmen made a hurried departure from here by airplane today.

The car, a stolen machine, was reported to have contained several guns and considerable ammunition.

State patrolmen here said there were two men in the car, one of them answering the description of Karpis. The men were traced to Randolph where they were lost.

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ARGUMENTS READY IN BREMER CASE

U. S. Asks Conviction of 3 in Ransom Kidnaping of St. Paul Banker

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23 (AP).—Final arguments and the judge's charge remained to be heard today in the case of three men accused of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

George A. Heisey, assistant

United State district attorney, started the Government's plea yesterday.

In asking for conviction of the defendants, William Weaver, Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, Heisey called kidnaping a "horrendous" crime. Those who practise it, he said, have "hearts as cold as crystal and as hard as granite."

Heisey said Weaver was one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer, St. Paul banker, who was seized here January 17, 1934, and released February 7, after payment of \$200,000 ransom. He pictured Sawyer as an assistant to the kidnapers, and McDonald as one of those who exchanged the ransom bills for other currency.

Indications were that the jury would begin its deliberations tomorrow.

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Bremer Plot Case Goes To Jurors Friday

Fate of the three defendants in the Bremer kidnaping trial will be in the hands of the jury by Friday it was indicated today in federal court as attorneys made final arguments.

George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, started his argument Wednesday and after talking three and a half hours asked the court for another hour today. He will be followed by A. Jerome Hoffman for William Weaver; Eugene O'Sullivan for Harry Sawyer, and Everett Jennings for Cassius McDonald. George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, will wind up the case.

All of today is expected to be taken up by the arguments. Judge Nordbye will charge the jury Friday morning.

If the defendants are found guilty, they face maximum penalties of life in prison.

In case of a not guilty verdict, Sawyer and Weaver face another trial on the indictment charging the actual kidnaping. Weaver will be returned to Oklahoma prison as a parole violator. McDonald will go to Florida on charge of harboring Alvin Karpis.

Judge Nordbye will require about two hours to charge the jury of 11 men and one woman. The trial started Jan. 6.

COUNSEL IN PLEA TO SAVE SAWYER

Harry Sawyer, alleged fingerman in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, is innocent of the crime, Eugene O'Sullivan, his attorney, told a federal court jury today.

Sawyer is one of three defendants on trial here charged with conspiracy to kidnap Mr. Bremer. William Weaver and Cassius McDonald are the others.

Mr. O'Sullivan followed A. Jerome Hoffman in the arguments. Mr. Hoffman pleaded in behalf of Weaver, concluded his argument with "Don't go blind off the line in finding your verdict. Judge the case by the evidence only. These defendants don't have to prove their innocence. It is up to the government to convince you that they are guilty."

Mr. Hoffman talked for more than an hour as compared to almost five hours by George A. Heisey, assistant United States attorney.

Mr. O'Sullivan was to be followed by Everett Jennings in behalf of McDonald. George F. Sullivan, district attorney, was to present the rebuttal argument.

The charge to the jury is expected to be given Friday by Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye.

The jury probably will not start its deliberation until late Friday afternoon.

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HELP BLOT OUT GANGS, PLEA TO BREMER JURORS

Underworld No Dream, Prosec-
utor Says, Asking Kidnap
Convictions.

A. J. HOFFMANN BEGINS DEFENSE ARGUMENTS

Jurors in the trial of three men charged here with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, were asked today to aid the Department of Justice in stamping out the underworld of America. The plea was made by George A. Heisey, assistant United States attorney.

Mr. Heisey concluded his argument, four hours and 45 minutes long, at the morning session of court today. A. Jerome Hoffmann, attorney for William Weaver of Little Rock, Ark., one of the defendants, then began his argument to the jury.

Weaver is charged with being one of the actual kidnapers of Bremer. Harry Sawyer of St. Paul is charged with being the man who pointed Bremer out to his abductors, and Cassius McDonald of Detroit, third defendant, is charged with having exchanged kidnap ransom money for the gang.

"Crime is a business for profit," Mr. Heisey told the jurors. "That is well illustrated by this case. Under the surface of respectable American life there is a vast criminal organization. The American underworld is not a dream. It is not from the Arabian Nights tales. It actually exists. The Department of Justice is trying to stamp it out. I am asking you to help."

Mr. Heisey trained his attack today on McDonald for his alleged ransom money-changing activities in Cuba. He recalled testimony indicating that McDonald exchanged \$92,000 of the ransom money in Havana in September, 1934, after several trips, principally by sea-plane, between Miami and the Cuban country.

The prosecuting attorney also linked McDonald with Sawyer in a Miami hotel room in the company of Willie Harrison, member of the Barker-Karpis mob, whose burned

body later was found in an Illinois barn. Heisey told of the finding of \$12,700 in Bremer ransom bills in the Cuban treasury five months after they had been exchanged.

Then, launching an attack on Sawyer, after relating testimony of witnesses that the former St. Paul bootlegger was in a Miami hotel room with McDonald and Harrison, Heisey shouted:

"The evidence in this case has pinned Harry Sawyer so securely that he cannot get away. I cannot imagine the gall of Mr. Sawyer in taking the witness stand and denying he knew Mr. McDonald. I cannot imagine his gall in denying these instances that occurred in Miami—when he took an automobile trip with Harrison and McDonald and Adams."

Joe Adams, Miami hotel manager, who testified as one of the government's principal witnesses, is under indictment with McDonald in Miami, Fla., for harboring Alvin Karpis, leader of the Barker-Karpis gang, which engineered the Bremer kidnaping. Karpis is still at large.

In his argument for Weaver, Mr. Hoffmann attacked Byron Bolton, star government witness who has already pleaded guilty in the conspiracy case, as "willfully and maliciously perjuring himself."

He cited an assertion by Mr. Heisey in the latter's argument that jurors could disregard testimony of Bolton and Edna (Rabbits) Murray, and still convict Sawyer. Hoffmann said that if testimony of these two is to be disregarded, then Weaver should be acquitted because the only direct evidence

against Weaver was in their testimony. He dwelt on an apparent discrepancy between stories told by the two on the stand. Mrs. Murray was a companion of Volney Davis, who also has pleaded guilty and is serving a life sentence.

Mr. Hoffmann also attacked George F. Sullivan, United States attorney, for not producing Davis, Elmer Farmer and Harold Alderton, all serving terms for the Bremer kidnaping, as witnesses.

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BOLTON LIED, COUNCIL FOR SAWYER TELLS KIDNAP JURY

An attack on the credibility of Byron Bolton, confessed member of the gang that kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom, was the chief theme of the address of Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, attorney for Harry Sawyer, to a jury in Federal court today in behalf of his client.

The address was the closing argument for Sawyer, one of three defendants on trial here for conspiracy in the kidnaping. Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, is accused of pointing Bremer out to the abductors. William Weaver of Little Rock, Ark., is accused of being one of the actual kidnapers, and Casius McDonald of Detroit is charged with exchanging the kidnap ransom money for the gang.

Bolton was a star witness for the government against the three men on trial. He also testified against other members of the gang at their trial here last year.

Sullivan attacked Bolton as a liar and perjurer and said that "if you (the jury) can be convinced that Bolton lied, this house of cards, built up as evidence against Sawyer in the case, will come tumbling down."

Arguments on behalf of McDonald and closing argument for the government as well as the court's charge are scheduled yet before the jury receives the case.

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TRIO IN BREMER CASE PLAYED AS EQUALLY GUILTY

Sawyer Called Timid Aid, Alibi of Weaver Assailed by U. S. Prosecutor.

CUBANS PRAISED FOR HELP AGAINST M'DONALD

Characterizing kidnaping as "the most horrendous crime known to man" and those who practice it as having "hearts as cold as crystal and as hard as granite", George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney, Wednesday demanded the conviction of three defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 abduction of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

The defendants, on trial here in Federal court, are William Weaver, Barker-Karpis mobster; Harry Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit gambler.

Making the closing address for the prosecution, Heisey named Weaver as one of the gangsters who actually seized Bremer at Goodrich and Lexington avenues on January 17, 1934; Sawyer as an aid and assistant to the kidnapers, and McDonald as one of the ransom money changers.

"Sawyer was not at Goodrich and Lexington," the prosecutor said. "He was not courageous enough. He is timid. He is not the type who is just as guilty as the others who seized and beat Mr. Bremer."

McDonald Post-Plot Aid.
Heisey stated that McDonald did not enter the conspiracy until several months after the abduction, when members of the kidnap mob secured him to pass the ransom money "because they knew that every one of those bills was a one-way ticket to the penitentiary."

"But he entered the case to help the abductors realize the fruits of their crime," Heisey asserted, "and he thereby became just as much a conspirator as the original conspirators who perpetrated the kidnaping."

Outlining the government's case, the prosecutor said:

"About the first of December, 1933, there came to this city a number of underworld characters, among them Fred and Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis, with their women. After their arrival, they met with underworld characters already here—Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Fred Goetz, alias George Ziegler—and hatched one of the most horrendous crimes known to man."

"I refer to kidnaping. Any man with such a disregard for a human being that they can seize him and traffic with him like merchandise must have hearts as cold as crystal and as hard as granite."

Two Put in Category.

"Weaver and Sawyer are in this category."

"Kidnaping is tantamount to murder. Mr. Bremer still is suffering from his harrowing experience. Every day, every hour, every minute, while he was being held prisoner was a living hell. There was not a minute when he did not see death staring him in the face."

"And there is not a night now when that experience is not a nightmare to him."

"When he took the stand in this trial and told of his experience he broke down. Anyone not affected by that sight can have no sensibilities."

Playing the testimony given in their own behalf by Weaver and Sawyer, who admitted consorting with members of the kidnap mob but denied all connection with the kidnaping, Heisey said:

"They came into court and took the stand, but failed to bring in a single witness to corroborate either of their stories. Weaver said he went to Des Moines before the kidnaping took place. He said he went to Des Moines with a man who lived there. If so, why was not that man produced as a witness? Or why was not some explanation given as to why he was not produced?"

"As a matter of fact, Weaver told several Federal agents that he was in St. Paul at the time of the kidnaping. But now he takes the

and hedges and tries to libel."

The prosecutor then recalled the testimony of Edna Murray, sweetheart of Volney Davis, gangster now serving life for the kidnaping. He reminded the jury that she had told of a meeting in a Grand avenue apartment occupied by Fred Barker and Paula Harmon, attended by Fred and Doc Barker, Sawyer, Weaver, Karpis, Campbell and Goetz, about January 4, 1934.

"That meeting was very significant," the prosecutor said. "These men were mostly gamblers and they were free spenders. It took a large amount of money to keep them going. We know that they got together in St. Paul and made plans for a kidnaping through which they could obtain the money they needed. We know that, because the kidnaping took place."

"So what did they talk about at this meeting in Freddie Barker's apartment? It is easy to guess!"

Recalls Second Meeting.

Heisey then recalled a second meeting, which Mrs. Murray testified took place in an apartment which she occupied with Davis at Lexington and Osceola avenues, about January 14 or 24, 1934.

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"At this meeting those present included Weaver, Sawyer, Fred Barker and Davis," Heisey said, "and this testimony is partially corroborated by Weaver, himself. He admits that he visited at this apartment several times, that he saw Doc Barker there and that he went three times to Sawyer's farm."

"Mrs. Murray said that on this occasion, when she entered the living room with some beer, she heard Sawyer say to Fred Barker: 'This town is hot because that radio guy was shot; you'd better wait awhile. Wait for what?'"

"The answer is that they had agreed, at previous meetings, to kidnap Mr. Bremer. But Sawyer, cautious man that he is—and he was cautious all through the case, trying to hold himself aloof and get share in the profit—thought the town was too 'hot' for the kidnaping at that time because 'that radio guy had been shot.'"

Tie-In Seen in McCord.

"You will remember that Roy McCord, a radio operator, took the stand in this trial and told how he had been shot by unknown assailants on January 13, 1934. Tie-ins like that don't happen except when they are founded on facts."

Heisey then called attention to the fact that Doc Barker was convicted of conspiracy in the kidnaping and Volney Davis pleaded guilty to it. He said:

"They had been friends of Weaver since before 1925, when he met them in the Oklahoma state penitentiary. They came here and plotted a crime which will never be forgotten in our lifetime. Do you think they'd leave their old pal Bill Weaver out of it?"

The prosecutor next commented on testimony by Mrs. Murray that she and Davis had gone on the day of the kidnaping to an apartment occupied by Weaver at Selby avenue and Avon street, where they met Fred Barker and Fred Goetz.

"And Weaver, himself, admitted living there," Heisey pointed out.

Drove to Sawyer's Farm.

Heisey added that, the morning after the kidnaping, Davis and Mrs. Murray drove to Sawyer's farm near Rice street and Hodgson road, according to previous testimony.

"Davis went there in response to a message from Pat Reilly, Sawyer's man (now in Leavenworth for harboring John Dillinger)," Heisey continued. "At the farm, Davis and Sawyer had a conversation."

"What did they talk about?"

"Well, Byron Bolton (member of the kidnap gang who confessed and turned state's evidence) told of a conversation in Chicago in which Fred Goetz upbraided Sawyer for the places he had obtained to work from. He referred to the work of collecting the ransom. They needed places which were secluded in which to prepare and from which to send out the ransom notes."

"Davis was the man who delivered most of these notes. What more natural, then, than for him and Sawyer to get together and discuss the places where the notes were to be prepared?"

Terms Sawyer Guilty.

It was at this point that the prosecutor referred to Sawyer as being "just as guilty as the men who seized Bremer and beat him."

He then recalled that Bolton was a guard at the kidnap hideout in Bensenville, Ill., and that Bolton had identified Weaver as one of the men he had seen there.

"Bolton knew plenty about this

kidnaping," the prosecutor said. "He aided at the hideout. He was a close friend of Goetz and was at Goetz' home. Obviously he played a part in the kidnap conspiracy, because he pleaded guilty. And he told of seeing Weaver, Doc Barker, Campbell and Harold Alderton (owner of the hideout house) in the living room of the place where Mr. Bremer was held. He told of a call coming from an adjoining room and of Weaver, in response to that call, leading Mr. Bremer, blindfolded, past the living room door to the bathroom."

Heisey then traced the routes taken by Weaver and Sawyer following the kidnaping, pointing out that Weaver had admitted being in Aurora, Ill., with Myrtle Eaton, at the same time Volney Davis was living there with Edna Murray. He also recalled Mrs. Murray's testimony that a Gladstone bag allegedly containing ransom money was kept in the house which she and Davis occupied.

Sees Cock and Bull Story.

"Weaver testified that he and Davis left Aurora the latter part of April, 1934," Heisey said. "The man from whom they rented their houses testified that they left before the period for which they had paid their rent had expired."

Weaver told a cock and bull story about leaving because Myrtle was sick. Then he remembered that it was illogical for a sick woman to travel, so he said she had recovered.

"The reason he and Davis left Aurora was because they read in the newspapers that some of the ransom money changers had been arrested in Chicago. When they read that, they fled."

"Anyone believing the stories of Sawyer and Weaver would believe there are places on this earth where there are men with their heads growing under their arms."

"Sawyer says that he went to Cleveland in June, 1934, not knowing that any members of the gang were there, and that he 'accidentally' encountered Al Karpis in a gambling place there."

Surprising Honk!

"Weaver says he went from Aurora to Toledo and was just driving around town, when somebody honked at him. What was his surprise when the man who honked proved to be this self same Karpis?"

"Do you believe stories like that—when both Weaver and Sawyer knew exactly where to go to make contact with the gang?"

"Nearly all the members of the gang were at Toledo in April, 1934, and they were so driven by their guilt that they underwent the torture of having their fingertips mutilated and their faces altered. And Weaver was there with his old pals."

"From Toledo, some of them went to Grand Forest, Ohio, and some to Cleveland. These places were only 60 miles apart and the distance permitted constant contacts."

"In Cleveland, Sawyer fraternized with Fred Barker and Al Karpis, two of the most desperate criminals this country has ever known. He stayed at their houses. Do you think they would have permitted him to stay with them if he had not been in the same boat? Do you think they would have had him in their homes, picking up information, if they thought he could squeal? They knew he could not squeal on them because, in doing so, he would have squealed on himself."

Ransom Quarrel Cited.

"Mrs. Murray testified that Sawyer also visited Grand Forest, where she and Davis and Weaver and Mrs. Eaton had a cottage, with Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette living nearby. She told of a quarrel there over the ransom between Davis and Fred Barker and of how Sawyer, always cautious, was afraid Davis would be overheard."

"Davis, she said, wanted his share of the ransom and was not afraid of taking the 'hot' money. Later, he received his share and left."

"Sawyer also wanted his share. Mrs. Murray told how he said that he 'wanted to get his share of the dough and leave'. But he was too timid to take in ransom notes, as Davis had done. He waited for McDonald to go to Cuba to exchange the ransom money there. And as soon as McDonald went there, Sawyer was right on the spot. He knew what was going to transpire even before it happened."

"Pointing out the efficiency of the 'underworld grapevine', Heisey said McDonald's first trip to Cuba was made September 2, 1934, when he made a round trip from Miami by plane."

"The prosecutor then called attention to the fact that Weaver left for Florida the middle of the pre-

ceding August, Sawyer and Willie Harrison, another member of the mob, left Cleveland for Miami the latter part of August, and Ma Barker, Fred Barker, Al Karpis, Harry Campbell, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette all arrived in Miami in September."

McDonald's Hand Shown.

"During that month, Heisey stated, McDonald made three round trips to Havana and exchanged \$87,000 of the ransom money."

"And while he was doing this, the gangsters all gathered in Miami," he said. "They gathered there because, with the ransom changing going on, it was their Mecca, it was the end of the rainbow, it was where they expected their pot of gold."

Heisey then outlined McDonald's operations, saying the Detroit gambler had exchanged \$82,000 in all, but that \$5,000 of this was not ransom money. The latter transaction, the prosecutor said, was for alibi purposes in case plans went wrong."

McDonald's money changing transactions all were testified to by twelve witnesses from Havana, the majority of them money brokers and bankers with whom the Detroit man negotiated, Heisey said.

"And I take my hat off to those Cubans," the prosecutor added. "They did not have to come up here. We had no power to bring them. They came voluntarily, to help our government. It was almost an international gesture. And can you imagine McDonald's chagrin when he saw them take the stand, one by one, and tell of his operations?"

Needed New Changer.

The reason McDonald was brought into the case, according to Heisey, was that the gang required a new money changer after the arrest in Chicago of the men who first had been carrying on this work. He referred to John J. (Boss) McLaughlin, who recently died in Leavenworth prison, where he was serving time for his connection with the case; and to William Vidler and Philip Delaney, who admitted assisting McLaughlin but were acquitted on conspiracy charges."

"The gang needed some one with a good front," Heisey said. "McDonald had a good background and lots of connections and was suitable for their purpose."

"So Sawyer and Harrison left Cleveland together and went to Miami and put the ransom money right in his hands."

Heisey Concludes Today.

Heisey will conclude his closing argument today. Closing addresses will be made by A. Jerome Ryan, attorney for Weaver; Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, counsel for Sawyer, and Everett Jennings of Chicago, McDonald's attorney.

Jennings' closing argument will be followed by rebuttal by George Sullivan, United States district attorney, and by Judge Gunnar H. Edbye's charge to the jury.

Although the case was expected to go to the jury today, indications Wednesday night were that it will not be completed until Friday.

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ANOTHER VICTORY OVER CRIME.

The Federal government's clean-up of the gang that kidnaped Edward Bremer is brought nearer completion by the convictions in Federal court Friday. Congratulations are again due the Department of Justice special agents, the District Attorney and his staff and all others who have worked on this case. When the two or three others involved in that crime have been caught and jailed, as they surely will unless they die the violent death of most gangsters first, this will be one of the most thorough jobs of smashing a major gang on record.

The point which seems to distinguish the chase and punishment of this gang is the relentless search to bring hangers-on and helpers of the actual kidnapers to justice. The government has found that the professional underworld lives by means of these apparently minor figures who have no part in commission of the crime itself. There will be gangs as long as there is an auxiliary underworld to give them support, help them to get away and change their names or sell their stolen goods.

The government's attack on the gang which kidnaped Edward Bremer is a good example of the government's policy of attacking the gang from all sides.

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3 Convicted, 2 Get Life, In Bremer Kidnap Plot

Man Who Converted Ransom Will Be Sentenced Feb. 1

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Bremer Kidnaping Case to Jury Today

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23. (AP)—The case of three men charged with conspiracy to kidnap Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, for \$200,000 ransom, will be placed in the hands of a federal court jury tomorrow. Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, counsel for Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Weaver, completed his final arguments late today.

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Defense Assails Bremer Witness

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23.—(A. P.)—Eugene O'Sullivan, Omaha, attorney for Harry Sawyer, accused with William Weaver and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, today continued a defense attack on the testimony of Byron Bolton.

Bolton, principal prosecution witness, testified that he had seen Sawyer and Weaver at conferences in connection with the Bremer kidnaping. Bolton has pleaded guilty to participating in the kidnap plot.

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Trio Convicted in Bremer Kidnap Case

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—All three defendants in the Bremer kidnap conspiracy case were convicted by a jury in the court of Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye today. The three are Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, and William Weaver, alleged finger man of the Karpis gang that perpetrated the snatch. Judge Nordbye immediately sentenced Sawyer to life imprisonment. Weaver also was sentenced to life imprisonment and the sentencing of McDonald was deferred to Feb. 1.

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Fate Of 3 In Bremer Case Goes To Jury

Fate of three men, charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping, was put in the hands of a jury of 11 men and one woman in federal court shortly after noon today.

The jury for nearly three weeks, has heard the federal government pile up mountain-high evidence against Harry Sawyer, once St. Paul's underworld overlord, as the "finger man"; Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, as the man who "cooled" \$92,000 of the ransom in Cuba; and William (Phoenix Donald) Weaver, as one of the actual snatchers.

Judge's Charge Brief.

After a brief but stern charge by Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye, the jurors retired to consider whether the three shall spend the rest of their lives in federal prison.

Of Sawyer Judge Nordbye said: "He does not seek to give . . . any explanation of why he was living under aliases or assumed names . . . Presumably you will have no great difficulty in finding from this evidence that there was at least a conspiracy on the part of some persons to kidnap Edward Bremer . . . Now, were William Weaver and Harry Sawyer two of these original conspirators . . . Consider Weaver's association with the other defendants . . . his meetings, if any, with the other defendants prior to Jan. 13, 1934 . . . his movements thereafter. You should consider his associations, the places he lived and the persons with whom he came in contact.

Tells Of Meetings.

"Were his contacts with the other defendants . . . at Aurora, Toledo, and other places a mere coincidence or was it in accordance with some pre-arranged plan . . . ?"

Pointing out that Byron Bolton, confessed snatcher, had testified that he saw Weaver at the Bensenville (Ill.) hideout, Judge Nordbye went on: "In the light of Weaver's connection with many of these defendants prior to the kidnaping and after Bremer's release . . . is Bolton's testimony reasonable or unreasonable? What motive, if any, has Bolton for falsifying Weaver's connection with this crime. . . . Analyze Bolton's testimony and determine whether his story . . . rings true."

Of McDonald: "It is not necessary for the government to prove by positive and direct testimony that this money was Bremer ransom money."

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Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934, and held until Feb. 7 at a Bensenville (Ill.) hideout. The government charged Weaver helped guard him, that Sawyer helped hatch the kidnap plot and collect the ransom and that McDonald changed much of the \$200,000 ransom notes in Cuba for cash.

Of those sought for the crime, fifteen were either sentenced to prison, in custody awaiting trial or sentence, or in prison after conviction on other charges. Two were acquitted. Five were slain.

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On Conspiracy Charges In Kidnap
Plot Against Edward Bremer
—Two Are Sentenced.

St. Paul, Minn., January 24—(UP)
—Two Barker-Karpis gangsters
and a former consulting engineer
were convicted today on charges of
conspiracy in the Edward G. Bre-
mer kidnaping.

Verdicts of guilty were returned
by a jury of 10 men and two women
in Federal Court against Harry
Sawyer, William Weaver, and
Cassius MacDonald.

Judge Gunnar Nordbye immedi-
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**3 More Convicted
on Bremer Charge**

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24. (AP)—Federal Court jury late today convicted three more of the 23 persons charged with participation in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker two years ago.

The verdict came two hours and 44 minutes after the jury received the case and two years and a week after Bremer was seized.

Convicted were Harry Sawyer, St. Paul underworld character whom the government charged pointed out the victim for the abductors; Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer charged with trading ransom notes for other currency in Cuba, and William Weaver, Arkansas convict accused of participation in the actual seizure.

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Conviction of the trio left only three of the conspirators unaccounted for—Alvin Karpis, co-leader with Arthur (Doc) Barker, now serving a life term in prison, of the gang charged with plotting the abduction; Harry Campbell, his henchman, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago.

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Found Guilty



CASSIUS McDONALD, former consulting engineer of Detroit, is awaiting sentence at St. Paul as the result of his conviction of conspiracy in the Bremer kidnaping case.

Prison Faced by M'Donald

2 Others Get Life, His Sentence Deferred

By JOHN M. CARLISLE
(Staff Correspondent of The Detroit News.)
ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25.—Cassius McDonald, who was born to wealth, educated as a gentleman and who then, Federal agents charged, joined underworld enterprises to make some so-called easy money, today faced a long prison sentence as the result of his conviction in the Bremer kidnaping case.

It took a jury of 11 men and one woman here in Federal Court two hours and 44 minutes Friday to find McDonald and his co-defendants, a St. Paul bootlegger and a Southwestern gunman, guilty of conspiracy in the kidnaping on Jan. 17, 1934, of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker and socialite.

Once a respected Michigan consulting engineer, who performed meritorious work for the Government's aviation service during the World War, McDonald was found guilty of being the ransom-money changer for the Karpis-Baker kidnaping gang. He lived at 700 Trombley road, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., at the time of his arrest.

2 GIVEN LIFE TERMS

Immediately after their conviction, Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, the two other defendants, were sentenced to life imprisonment in a Federal penitentiary. Sawyer, a friend of the kidnaping victim and of his father, was the "finger man" in the case. Weaver, who shot and killed an Oklahoma deputy sheriff at one time in his desperate career, was one of Bremer's surly guards during his three weeks of captivity.

McDonald's sentence was deferred until Feb. 1, at the request of George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, out of regard for the many years that McDonald, who has no police record, was a law-abiding citizen in Detroit, Chicago and Miami.

EMOTIONS GIVE WAY

As the jury passed judgment upon McDonald and his kidnaper colleagues, there were two dramatic episodes, in which two victims of the kidnaping, in far different walks of life, received the verdict with pent-up emotion.

Sitting in the far corner of the courtroom for the first time during the three weeks of the trial was Mrs. Edith McDonald, the wife of the money-changer. She sat there tense and rigid. Suddenly, as McDonald's fate was announced, she bowed her head in her arms, her hands digging into her face. She raised her head. Tears streamed down her face and her hands clenched. A bailiff helped her out of the courtroom.

Across the corridor, with one foot resting on a radiator, Bremer, the kidnaping victim, turned his face to the window so the jurors passing by could not see the tears that streamed down his face. His shoulders shook. His friends quickly explained, "he has never been the same since the kidnaping; his nerve are gone."

APPEAL PLANNED

McDonald's attorney, Everett Jennings, of Chicago, said he would appeal immediately to the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Of the 30 persons involved by the Government in the Bremer kidnaping only four thus far have escaped. Two alleged Chicago money-changers were acquitted in the first Bremer trial last April.

The other two, Alvin Raymond Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and Harry Campbell, his traveling companion and one of the gang's best known gunmen, are still sought.

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Two Sentenced for Life.
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**BREMER KIDNAPERS TO
SPEND LIVES IN PRISON**

**Two Barker Gangsters, Engineer
Convicted in St. Paul.**

By United Press

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25.—Found guilty of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, two members of the once-powerful Barker-Karpis gang faced life imprisonment today and a third defendant awaited sentence Feb. 1.

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Convict Three in Bremer Case

**Federal Jurors Return a
Quick Verdict; Life for
Sawyer, Weaver**

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Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye immediately sentenced Sawyer and Weaver to life imprisonment. Sentencing of McDonald was deferred to Feb. 1.

Return Quick Verdict

The jury deliberated only two hours and 44 minutes. Trial of the case, the second involving Bremer defendants, began Jan. 9.

Weaver was described by the government as one of the actual abductors of the St. Paul banker. Sawyer was accused as the "finger man" and MacDonald was named as one of the money changers of the \$200,000 ransom.

Of those named in the Bremer kidnaping, eight have been convicted, including Arthur (Doc) Barker who received a life term; three others pleaded guilty; five, including Fred and "Ma" Barker, were killed by "men"; two were acquitted; charges against three were dropped because they were in prison for other crimes; one woman still remains in jail awaiting trial; and three men are still at large, namely, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

Nine Liggett Jurors

In Minneapolis, nine jurors had been picked Friday for the trial of Isadore (Kid Cann) Blumenfeld on charges of murdering Walter W. Liggett, crusading weekly newspaper editor.

Blumenfeld, a liquor dealer, is accused of the machine gun assassination of Liggett there on Dec. 2, 1935.

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BREMER TRIO GUILTY

Two Kidnapers Get Life

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Judge Nordbye sentenced Sawyer and Weaver to life imprisonment.

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Trial of the case—the second involving Bremer defendants—began January 9. Six were convicted and three pleaded guilty previously. Bremer, a banker, was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and released 22 days later after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

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Weaver and Sawyer are to serve out their sentences in prisons to be designated by the United States Attorney General.



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2 KARPIS AIDES GET LIFE

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 26.—Harry Sawyer, former King of St. Paul's underworld, William Weaver, trigger-man for the Barker-Karpis gang, and Cassius McDonald, a Detroit engineer, have been convicted of conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward Bremer kidnaping.

Life sentences were imposed upon Sawyer and Weaver by Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye. McDonald's sentence was deferred until next week.

The Government pictured Sawyer as the "finger-man" who had selected Bremer, wealthy St. Paul banker, as the kidnap victim; Weaver as one of the actual kidnapers, and McDonald as the "moneychanger."

Alvin Karpis, Public Enemy No. 1, and Harry Campbell, are the only important members of the old Barker-Karpis gang at large.

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2 MORE KIDNAPERS GET LIFE TERMS

Only 3 of 25 Sought by U. S.
in Bremer Case Are Still
at Large

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25 (AP).—The Government crossed three more names off the "unfinished business" page of its Bremer kidnap file today, leaving unaccounted for only three of the twenty-five persons sought for participation in the crime.

Defendants William Weaver, paroled convict of Little Rock, Ark., and Harry Sawyer, former Omaha gangster, faced life sentences and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, awaited sentence next Saturday. The trio was convicted yesterday on charges of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping.

Karpis Still at Large

Still sought were Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1; his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Chicago physician accused by Government agents of performing face lifting and fingerprint obliterating operations for the gang.

Dr. Moran recently was reported by the underworld "grape vine" to have been killed by his associates because they thought he talked too much. The rumor was not substantiated, however.

Department of Justice agents indicated, after Weaver and Sawyer were sentenced that they would be sent to Alcatraz Island prison.

Five Slain in Case

Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and held until February 7 at a Bensonville, Ill., hideout. The Government charged Weaver helped guard him, that Sawyer helped hatch the kidnap plot and collect the ransom and that McDonald changed much of the \$200,000 ransom notes in Cuba for other cash.

Of those sought for the crime, fifteen were either sentenced to prison or are in custody awaiting trial or sentence, or in prison after conviction on other charges. Two were acquitted. Five were slain. They were Fred Barker, his mother, Kate (Ma) Barker; Fred Goetz, Russell Gibson and Willie Harrison.

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Three Convicted at St. Paul in Bremer Plot; 'Finger Man' and Abductor Get Life Terms

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24.—After deliberating less than three hours a Federal court jury late this afternoon found three men guilty of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnapping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Those convicted were Harry Sawyer of St. Paul, alleged "finger man" in the crime; William Weaver, a paroled Arkansas convict, indicted as one of the actual abductors, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, charged with having exchanged part of the ransom money in Cuba.

Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye immediately sentenced Sawyer and Weaver to life terms in prisons to be designated by the United States Attorney General. Sentencing of McDonald was deferred until Feb. 1.

The trial, which began Jan. 9, was the second in this case. Six were convicted and three pleaded guilty previously. Mr. Bremer was kidnapped on Jan. 17, 1934, and released twenty-two days later after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

The jury deliberated from 1:45 to

4:30 P. M., but another half-hour elapsed before the necessary persons could be assembled to hear the verdict.

The trial's end was speeded when Everett Jennings of Chicago, counsel for McDonald, took only ten minutes to sum up his defense and George F. Sullivan, United States District Attorney, shortened his rebuttal to a compressed summary. Judge Nordbye then charged the jury.

Mr. Jennings argued that the government had not shown that money exchanged by McDonald in Cuba was Bremer ransom money from the Karpis-Barker gang or that McDonald knew it was such.

Eugene O'Sullivan and A. Jerome Hoffman, counsel for Sawyer and Weaver, respectively, tried to impeach testimony of Edna Murray and Byron Bolton, confessed gang members, who gave evidence for the government.

Only three of those indicted for the abduction are now at large—Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

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EXIT KIDNAPING

ONLY three of the twenty-nine gangsters who participated in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, now remain unaccounted for. The conviction of Harry Sawyer, St. Paul, underworld leader; William Weaver, Little Rock, Ark., desperado, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer and "money changer," by a federal jury Friday delivers a body blow to the kidnap racket.

Practically all of the big-time kidnapers who were responsible for the epidemic of abductions that terrorized the nation two years ago have either been sentenced to prison or been killed in underworld battles.

To the relentless and highly efficient bureau of investigation of the department of justice, congratulations! Never was its thoroughness more forcibly demonstrated than in the preparation of the case which has just ended.

Daring indeed will be the next criminal who contemplates another kidnaping, faced as he is with the record of captures and convictions since the G-men really got started. No longer will it be necessary for wealthy families to hire bodyguards and make arsenals of their homes.

The extermination of the kidnap gangs indicates the wisdom of the laws which congress passed following the Lindbergh case. Barriers which prevented effective work both by police and government agents were removed. The results are highly satisfactory.

Only the notorious Al Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. A. P. Moran remain at liberty in the Bremer case. It is a fair guess their days of freedom are numbered.

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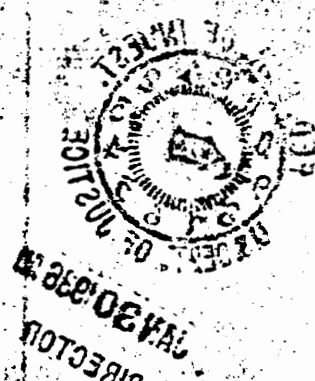
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Came to St. Paul in November, 1931, and lived here intermittently until January, 1934. Arrested here with James E. Colton for gun toting in July, 1932. Jumped \$500 bail. Was being sought as an Oklahoma parole violator and also on the gun toting charge when Bremer kidnaping was staged in January, 1934.

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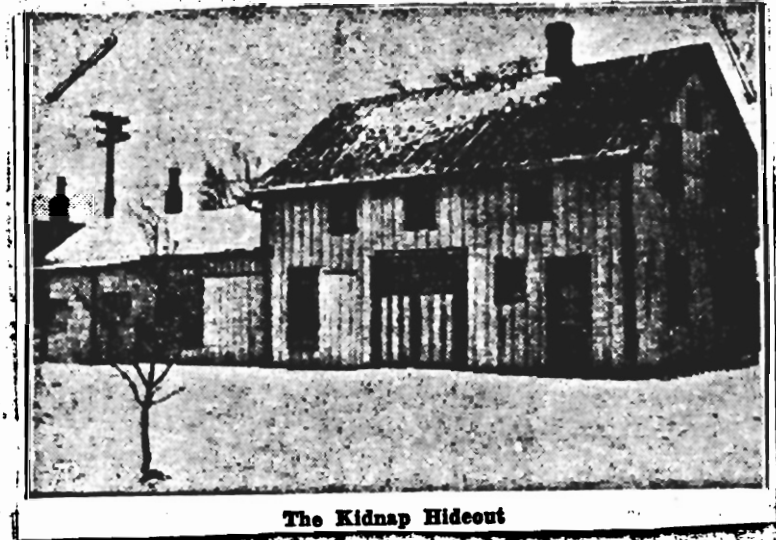


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McDonald Also Found Guilty in Bremer Case

Detroit Money Changer to Be Sentenced Later; Jury Returns Verdicts in Three Hours; "I Believe You Have Performed a Real Service to the Community and the Nation," Judge Tells Panel.

DELAY IN JUDGMENT REFUSED; APPEALS PLANNED FOR ST. PAULITE AND ENGINEER

Three men, two of whom immediately were sentenced to serve life terms, were convicted by a Federal court jury here Friday of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker.

Within a few minutes after the jury reached its verdict at 4:29 P. M., Harry Sawyer, 44 years old, former St. Paul bootlegger, and William Weaver, 40, Little Rock, Ark., gangster, were ordered to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Sentencing of the third convicted defendant, Cassius McDonald, 50, Detroit engineer and gambler, was deferred to February 1.

Sawyer was found guilty of aiding the kidnapers and receiving part of the ransom. Weaver was convicted as one of the actual kidnapers and the jury upheld the government's charge that McDonald passed nearly half the ransom money in Havana, Cuba.

It was announced that McDonald's conviction will be appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and that similar action possibly may be taken in behalf of Sawyer.

Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye passed sentence and said Sawyer and Weaver would be sent to prisons designated by the United States attorney general.

The jury deliberated two hours and 44 minutes. It was given the case at 12:47 P. M. and began deliberation at 1:45. At 4:29 the verdict was reached.

After the verdict was read by A. W. Doerer of Winona, the foreman, Judge Nordbye said:

"I hold the same view as you have expressed in your verdict and I believe you have performed a real service to the community and the nation."

Then calling Sawyer to the bar he continued:

"Is there anything you care to say before I pronounce sentence?"

"No sir," replied Sawyer without expression.

The judge's voice again broke the quiet of the courtroom.

"You shall be confined to a Federal prison, to be designated by the attorney general of the United States, for the remainder of your natural life."

Sawyer, still expressionless, said nothing.

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Weaver was called. He likewise appeared stoical. Again the judge asked if the prisoner had anything to say. Courtroom attaches and a few persons permitted in the room leaned forward. "No, sir—I don't believe so," replied the gangster.

Sawyer and Weaver returned to their seats, the latter handcuffed to a deputy marshal.

Week's Stay Granted.

Then the judge granted the pair stays of execution of their sentences for one week. Defense attorneys argued against immediate sentence—to no avail.

Outside the courtroom stood scores of hangers-on, attorneys, Department of Justice men and other guards. The judge had ruled that only those who could be seated in the small room could enter. The corridors were guarded so that no one could enter or leave after the jury filed in.

Mrs. McDonald was in the courtroom when the verdict was read. It was the first time she had been there since the case opened. She had a seat in the rear of the room and as the verdict was read, she buried her face in her hands. Then she lifted her head. Tears streamed down her cheeks.

All three prisoners were returned to the Ramsey county jail under heavy guard.

It was learned that Sawyer was convicted on the first ballot and Weaver on the next ballot. In the case of McDonald, the jurors first voted ten for conviction, two jurors not balloting, in the belief that it might be possible to recommend leniency for the Detroit man.

However, these two jurors joined the rest for conviction when satisfied no such recommendation was possible, it was reported.

Comment on Verdict Declined.

Announcement that McDonald's case will be appealed was made by Everett Jennings of Chicago, his attorney. He declined to make any further comment on the verdict.

"It is probable that Sawyer's case will be appealed," L. L. Drill, one of his counsel, said. Drill conducted Sawyer's defense with Robert V. Rensch of St. Paul and Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha.

No appeal was expected in the case of Weaver. After the verdict, A. Jerome Hoffmann, appointed by the court to defend the Arkansas mobster, said:

"I have no comment to make on the verdict, except that, as an officer appointed by the court to represent William Weaver on his plea of poverty and inability to obtain an attorney, I presented the evidence in his behalf. A man is entitled to a trial by a jury and entitled to have the jury pass on his guilt or innocence, based on the evidence submitted and I presented what evidence I had. The jury consid-

ered the evidence and passed judgment."

Commenting on the trial George F. Sullivan, United States District attorney, said:

"Counsel for the government naturally is very gratified with the outcome of the case. We feel that the verdict was wholly correct in the light of the evidence presented. The jury did a good job."

Conducting the prosecution with Sullivan was George A. Heisey, assistant United States district attorney.

The trial just ended not only wrote finis to another chapter in the war against kidnaping, but brought nearly to a close the "clean-up" of one of the country's biggest abduction cases.

Only Three at Large Now.

Of 25 suspects only three are sought—Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell and Dr. J. P. Moran, who has been reported dead. Known to be dead are Fred and "Ma" Barker, "Shotgun George" Ziegler, Russell Gibson, alias Slim Gray, Willie Harrison and John J. (Boss) McLaughlin.

Six are in prison—Doc Barker, Oliver Berg, Volney Davis, Harold Alderton, Elmer Farmer and James Wilson.

Three are under sentences imposed for other crimes—Edna (Rabbits) Murray, Jess Doyle and Bruno (Whitey) Austin. One, Byron Bolton, is awaiting sentence.

One is awaiting trial either for the kidnap conspiracy or harboring one of the kidnapers—Myrtle Eaton.

Two have been tried and acquitted—William Vidler and Philip Delaney.

Two of the gangsters' sweethearts, paying penalties, though not implicated in the abduction, are Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, who are serving time for harboring their lovers, Karpis and Campbell.

The first "break" in the case came a month after Bremer's release. On March 7, 1934, Ziegler stepped out of a cafe in Cicero, Ill., and fell dead, riddled with slugs from sawed-off shotguns in the hands of four gangsters. He was reported slain by his own mob because he "talked too much". His pockets and his apartment, however, yielded clues which greatly aided investigation of the case.

Three Seized in Chicago.

The following month G-men made three arrests in Chicago—Boss McLaughlin, who had been employed by the Barker-Karpis mob to change about \$55,000 of the ransom money, Vidler and Delaney.

Oliver Berg, ransom money guard, in whose Chicago home some of the mobsters had recuperated from their fingertip mutilation operations, was picked up August 18, 1934. Then followed the arrest on September 4 of Wilson, nephew and assistant to Dr. Moran, accused of performing the operations and taking part in the Chicago ransom passing transactions.

On January 8, 1935, G-men in Chicago trapped Bolton, kidnap hideout guard, and Gibson, ransom money guard, in an apartment. Bolton was captured and Gibson, narcotic addict, slain. A few minutes later, Barker surrendered without a struggle.

Eight days later Fred and "Ma" Barker were slain in their house at Oklawaha, Fla., and Farmer was arrested at Bensonville, Ill. The following day, Alderton was arrested in Kokomo, Ind.

Austin, gang gunman, was arrested January 20 in Chicago as he was leaving a church after being married. Doyle and the Murray woman were arrested February 7, Doyle at Girard, Kan., and the woman at Pittsburg, Kan.

Sawyer Caught in South.

Later Sawyer was picked up at Pass Christian, Miss., where he and his wife, Gladys, were operating a dance hall. Former kingpin of the St. Paul underworld, wanted for assisting the kidnapers in their plot and ransom negotiations, he surrendered without resistance when found seated in his automobile beside the sea wall.

On June 1, in Chicago, the G-men caught Davis who had once escaped from them. Then came the arrest of Weaver, who joined the kidnap mob while on parole from the Oklahoma state prison, where he was serving a life term for murder, and Myrtle Eaton, former wife of a Stillwater convict, in whose St. Paul apartment the gangsters allegedly had met to plan the abduction. They were taken by surprise last September 1, living quietly on a chicken farm near Allendale, Fla.

The last arrest was that of McDonald, engineer and gambling operator. He was picked up on the kidnap conspiracy charges, last September 28, at his pretentious home in Grosse Pointe, a fashionable Detroit suburb.

11 Defendants at First Trial.

When the first Bremer trial opened before Federal Judge M. M. Joyce last April 15, there were eleven defendants—Doc Barker, Berg, Wilson, Bolton, Alderton, Farmer, Doyle, Mrs. Murray, McLaughlin, Vidler and Delaney.

Before the proceedings got under way, however, Bolton pleaded guilty, turned state's evidence, and was a star prosecution witness, both at that trial and the one just concluded.

At the close of the trial, Farmer changed his plea to guilty, Barker, Berg, Alderton and Wilson were convicted and Vidler and Delaney were acquitted. The verdict was returned May 17.

During the proceedings, the charges against Mrs. Murray and Doyle were dismissed. She was returned to the Missouri state reformatory for women, from which she had escaped while serving a 27-year robbery sentence, and he was sent to face charges of robbing a bank in Fairbury, Neb., for which he later was sentenced to ten years.

Austin was brought to St. Paul during the trial, but was never taken into the courtroom. At the end of the trial, the kidnap charges against him were quashed and he was returned to Chicago. Later, he was convicted there of murder and now is under a life sentence.

Judge Joyce at once imposed life sentences on Doc Barker and Berg. Before the other sentences were handed down, Davis was brought here, pleaded guilty and was also given a life sentence by Judge Joyce on June 3.

Four days later Judge Joyce sentenced Farmer and Alderton to twenty years each, while McLaughlin and Wilson each drew five years. McLaughlin died in Leavenworth penitentiary last December 30.

The last step in the "clean-up," up to the present trial, came with an announcement by the Department of Justice that a bullet-riddled body, found in a burned barn, was that of Harrison. Like Ziegler, he was believed to have been slain by his confederates, because he knew too much and talked too much.

69 Quizzed at Trial.

In the trial just ended the government called 69 witnesses, among whom were:

EDWARD G. BREMER, president of the Commercial State bank—Told how he was seized at Lexington and Goodrich avenues the morning of January 17, 1934, as he was driving downtown after leaving his 8-year-old daughter at school; how he was held captive in a house at Bensenville, and how he was released by his abductors the evening of February 7, 1934, at Rochester, Minn.

WALTER MAGEE, Bremer's close personal friend, who acted as "go-between" in the case—Told how, in compliance with directions in various ransom notes, he drove on the night of February 6, 1934, to a point near Zumbrota, Minn., where he dropped \$200,000 by the roadside in response to a signal from another automobile. He said the ransom was in packages of \$5 and \$10 bills.

MRS. MURRAY, sweetheart of Davis—Told how members of the Barker-Karpis mob and their sweethearts gathered here in preparation for the crime in the summer and fall of 1933. Named those in the group as herself, Davis, Fred and Arthur (Doc) Barker, their mother, Kate Barker, Weaver, Karpis, Campbell, Ziegler, Wynona Burdette, Paula Harmon and Dolores Delaney. Recounted how she, Davis, Fred Barker and Paula Harmon visited Sawyer at his farm north of St. Paul. Told of meetings between Sawyer and various members of the mob at an apartment where she lived with Davis on Lexington avenue and an apartment occupied by Fred Barker and Paula Harmon on Grand avenue. Told of her travels following the abduction to Chicago, where she was provided an apartment by Harrison; to Aurora, Ill., where a black Gladstone bag allegedly containing ransom money was kept in a house occupied by her and Davis; to Toledo, Ohio, where members of the gang underwent fingertip mutilation and face alteration operations, and finally to a beach near Sandusky, Ohio, where she and Davis lived in a cottage with Weaver and Myrtle Eaton. Said the black Gladstone money bag was brought to the cottage by Fred Barker and Sawyer. Testified to other visits made there by Sawyer and quoted him as saying he "was going to leave after he got his dough".

BOLTON, former Barker-Karpis mobster and guard at the Bensenville kidnap hideout—Testified those at the hideout during Bremer's captivity included Weaver, Karpis, Campbell and Doc Barker, all members of the mob, and Alderton, owner of the house. Said that while the banker was being held prisoner he met Sawyer in the Chicago apartment of Ziegler (where the ransom money first was taken following its payment). Quoted Ziegler as saying to Sawyer: "You'll have to get us another place to work from; there is too much heat on those places." Recounted a conversation between himself, Sawyer and Fred Barker the following June in the Bensenville tavern of Farmer, saloonkeeper, who arranged with Alderton for the hideout. Said Sawyer told him he left St. Paul because the Federal agents were looking for him. Said Sawyer asked Barker who would handle the ransom money. Said Barker told Sawyer that "a man in Detroit" would handle it for 25 per cent; that this man would "go to Cuba and take care of it".

TWELVE MONEY BROKERS, bankers and hotel employees from Havana—Told of visits made by McDonald to the Cuban capital in September, 1934, and outlined transactions through which he changed

\$92,000 in \$5 and \$10 bills to bills of \$1,000 denomination.

MIAMI HOTEL executives and employees, including Joseph H. Adams, manager of the El Comodoro hotel—Told how members of the Barker-Karpis mob gathered in Miami starting in September, 1934, when McDonald was traveling between that city and Havana. Identified guests and visitors at the El Comodoro as including Fred and "Ma" Barker, Karpis, Campbell, Harrison, Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette. Testified that Sawyer and Harrison occupied adjoining rooms at the hotel from September 1 to 12 of that year. Told of visits to the El Comodoro made during this period by McDonald. Testified that he was seen conversing with members of the mob and that he asked assistance in getting in touch with Karpis and Fred Barker after they had rented houses in Miami and Oklawaha, Fla., respectively.

HALF A DOZEN Department of Justice agents—Told of entering the house at Oklawaha after Fred and "Ma" Barker had been slain there in a machine gun battle January 16, 1935. Told of ten \$1,000 bills in "Ma" Barker's purse and four more \$1,000 bills in a money belt around Fred Barker's body. All but one of these bills were Atlanta Federal Reserve bank notes, the kind obtained by McDonald in Cuba.

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Three Bremer Kidnapers Convicted; Only Two Left

By United Press
 ST. PAUL—Found guilty of conspiracy in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, two members of the once-powerful Barker-Karpis gang faced life imprisonment today and a third defendant awaited sentence Feb. 1.
 Harry Sawyer, reputed underworld leader and William Weaver, paroled convict, were sentenced late yesterday. Casius McDonald, charged with exchanging part of the ransom money, is awaiting sentence.
 Conviction of the trio leaves only two of the 26 persons originally indicted for the Bremer kidnaping not accounted for. They are the notorious Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, his lieutenant.



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Three Convicted For Bremer Plot

St. Paul, Jan. 24 (AP).—A Federal court jury late today convicted three defendants charged with conspiracy in the \$200,000 Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Convicted were Harry Sawyer, St. Paul, alleged "finger man;" William Weaver, paroled Arkansas convict, indicted as an actual kidnaper, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, charged with having ex-

changed a part of the ransom money in Cuba.

Trial of the case—the second involving Bremer defendants—began January 9. Six were convicted and three pleaded guilty previously. Bremer, a banker, was kidnaped January 17, 1934, and released 22 days later after \$200,000 ransom had been paid.

Judge Gunnar M. Nordbye immediately sentenced Sawyer to life imprisonment.

Weaver also was given life imprisonment. Sentencing of McDonald was deferred to February 1.

Weaver and Sawyer are to serve out their sentences in prisons to be designated by the United States Attorney General.

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THREE CONVICTED IN BREMER CASE

Weaver and Sawyer Face Life Sentences for Part in Kidnaping.

By the Associated Press.

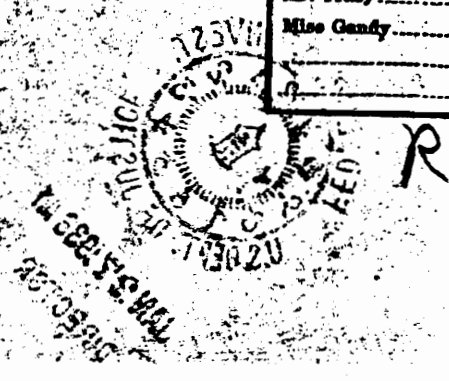
ST. PAUL, January 25.—The Government crossed three more names off the "unfinished business" page of its Bremer kidnap file today, leaving unaccounted for only three of the 25 persons sought for participation in the crime.

Defendants William Weaver, paroled convict of Little Rock, Ark., and Harry Sawyer, former Omaha gangster, faced life sentences, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, awaited sentence next Saturday. The trio was convicted yesterday on charges of conspiracy in connection with the kidnaping.

Still sought were Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1; his lieutenant, Harry Campbell, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran, renegade Chicago physician accused by Government agents of performing face lifting and fingerprint obliterating operations for the gang.

Dr. Moran recently was reported by the underworld "grape vine" to have been killed by his associates because they thought he talked too much. The rumor was not substantiated, however.

Department of Justice agents indicated, after Weaver and Sawyer were sentenced, they would be sent to Alcatraz Island Prison.



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TWO GET LIFE IN BREMER CASE

ST. PAUL, Jan. 25 (AP)—Convicted as conspirators in the \$200,000 kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, wealthy bank president, two Barker-Karpis mobsters today were under life sentences in a federal prison while a third confederate, labeled as the "money changer," waited sentence next Saturday.

A federal court jury after deliberating less than three hours decided that William Weaver and Harry Sawyer were involved in the original kidnap plot, while Cassius McDonald, Detroit engineer, was found guilty of exchanging a considerable portion of the ransom money in Cuba.

Immediately after the verdicts were read, Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye sentenced Weaver and Sawyer to life terms.

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A federal jury in St. Paul on Friday convicted Harry Sawyer, William Weaver, and Cassius McDonald of conspiracy in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, banker. Judge G. H. Morby immediately sentenced Sawyer and Weaver to life imprisonment. Sentencing of McDonald was postponed to Feb. 1. Nine other persons have already been found guilty in the case. Bremer was kidnaped on Jan. 17, 1934, and released twenty-two days later after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

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End of Second Bremer Trial Renews Hunt for Alvin Karpis

Government Men Hot on Trail of Desperado

**Mad Traveling Partner, Harry Campbell,
Is Believed to Be With Bank Robber,
U. S. Public Enemy No. 1**

By JOHN M. CARLISLE

(STAFF CORRESPONDENT OF THE DETROIT NEWS.)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25.—With the conclusion here of the second Bremer kidnaping trial, the crack members of the Government's special kidnaping squad of picked G-men, everyone a dead shot, focused attention once more today on the hunt for Alvin Raymond Karpis, public enemy number one.

A former Lithuanian baker boy, Karpis became the co-leader of the Karpis-Barker kidnaping mob, once one of the most perfectly organized criminal organizations known in America. With him is believed to be Harry Campbell, his mad traveling companion.

Karpis, Campbell and Doc Barker kidnaped Edward G. Bremer, banker, in downtown St. Paul, Jan. 17, 1934. They hit Bremer over the head, gagged him and took him to a hideout in Bensonville, Ill., 20 miles from Chicago. They kept him there, with the help of other members of their gang, until \$200,000 ransom was paid Feb. 7, 1934.

It was Karpis himself who stood on a lonely side road near Zumbrota, Minn., and signaled Bremer's best friend, Walter Magee, whom the kidnapers chose as the contact man in the ransom negotiations. Karpis signaled with a flashlight with a red lens, and Magee dropped two suit boxes, containing the ransom money, on the road.

HOT ON KARPIS TRAIL

Since then the Government has been hot on Karpis' trail, but while other members of his gang met violent death, and Doc himself was trapped and sent to prison for life, Karpis so far has proved too elusive.

As the Bremer trial neared its end, Earl J. Connelley, special agent in charge of the Bremer squad, gathered his men around him. Connelley has yet to lose a man in a raid, and his squad has made dozens of them on Bremer kidnapers, killing three of the gang's most desperate members.

"Go out and get Karpis," Connelley ordered, and the young, alert, capable members of his squad, left St. Paul for unannounced destinations.

For Karpis, who was born Karpavicz, and has a 10-year criminal record at the age of 27, is now the most widely sought gangster in the nation, a successor to John Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd and Baby Face Nelson in the intensity of the national search.

A STRANGE FIGURE

Karpis is a strange figure. He started his crime career at the age of 16 and has spent his life since in penitentiaries or in mad flight across the country to stay out of them. Petty burglar, then a bank robber; murderer and gunman, the co-leader of the Bremer kidnaping gang with Fred Barker, Karpis is a most vicious gunman.

His own mobsters called him "Creepy." He got on their nerves.

Karpis was born in Canada Aug. 10, 1909. His parents took him to an early age to Topeka, Kan. He was the only boy in the family. There were three older sisters who grew up, married and lived respectable lives in Chicago.

The early part of his criminal career strangely parallels that of the late John Dillinger, who bungled his first holdup and then received a liberal education in crime in the penitentiaries of Indiana.

Karpis, in the beginning, was a small time burglar—what the underworld calls "a punk"—in the Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma region. He learned criminal ways in the reformatories and penitentiaries of Kansas and Oklahoma, and was easily influenced, like Dillinger, by older prison inmates.

10 YEARS FOR AUTO THEFT

Karpis was 16 years old when he was arrested in Topeka for stealing automobile tires and found guilty. He received a 10-year sentence in the State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kan.

Three years later, Karpis and an older prisoner, Larry O'Keefe, sawed their cell bars and escaped. Karpis had a year's liberty. He fled to Chicago and met Larry Devol, safe-cracker and slayer. They went to Kansas City and were arrested March 23, 1930, for having a stolen automobile chock full of safe-blowing equipment.

Karpis was returned to the Kansas Reformatory. Later, knives were found in his possession and he was

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branded "an unfit inmate of the reformatory." So he was transferred, May 19, 1930, to the state penitentiary in Lansing, Kan. He was released May 2, 1931.

Karpis was out of jail one month. Under the alias of George Haller, he had gone to Tulsa, Okla., headquarters of the Barker boys—Fred, Doc, Herman and Lloyd. The Barkers came originally from Joplin, Mo., and grew up under the wing of the strangest of mothers police ever have known, Kate (Ma) Barker, who taught them how to rob, steal, kill and joined them on their crimes.

The mobster had met Fred Barker in the penitentiary at Lansing, Kan., where Barker had been sent for larceny. They became fast friends and one of the first persons Karpis went looking for when he was released was Fred Barker.

\$50,000 GEM ROBBERY

Together they engineered a \$50,000 jewel robbery at Henrietta, Okla. Karpis was arrested but Barker escaped and what followed is a bitter commentary on law enforcement at its worst. Had the law followed its normal course Karpis would have been in prison at the time of the Bremer kidnaping and there never might have been a Bremer kidnaping.

Here is what happened, and it is almost as ridiculous as the parole of Dillinger in Indiana, because "he has reformed," so he could go out on his career of plunder and murder.

1 Karpis was arrested June 10, 1931, in Cuba and taken to Okmulgee, Okla., county seat of the scene of the jewel robbery.

2 He was sentenced Sept. 11, 1931, to four years in the state penitentiary at McAlester, Okla. (Bremer was kidnaped Jan. 17, 1934.)

3 Karpis never was taken to the penitentiary. He served three months in the Okmulgee county jail, during his trial. Then he was paroled by the trial judge.

No one of the national administrators of law enforcement ever has been able to figure out that blunder.

Only a few weeks after he had been paroled, Karpis killed Sheriff C. R. Riley, of West Plains, Mo., Dec. 19, 1931. It is an obvious conclusion of every police officer that the sheriff's life was taken by laxity of Oklahoma law enforcement. It was this slaying that made Karpis, from then on, a dangerous criminal. For Missouri justice is summary in dealing with slayers. Hanging is the penalty. From that time on Karpis seldom took off his hat; from that time on he became Old Creepy.

BARKER WITH KARPIS

Fred Barker was with Karpis when the slaying was committed. They had engineered a few robberies in Missouri, and they knew they were "hot." There had been a robbery the night before in West Plains. Barker and Karpis had nothing to do with it. They picked up a 15-year-old hitch-hiker as they came into town. They had a flat tire. They drove into a garage. Then the sheriff walked into question them.

Barker jumped in the car. Karpis shot and killed the sheriff. Barker drove away; Karpis followed on foot.

The schoolboy was left behind, and he was almost lynched. Bloodhounds failed to pick up Karpis' trail, though he left a glove behind. Fred Barker found him first. They got away.

From that episode on, Karpis was solid with the Barkers. He and Fred became inseparable.

Ma Barker always liked Karpis. He was slim, frowning, grim. Ma

So Karpis did Ma a favor. Ma was tired of her second husband, Arthur W. Dunlap. He cramped her style. They were living in a West St. Paul apartment then. One night Fred Barker gave Karpis the wink. They invited "the old man" out for a ride. It was his last ride. Karpis riddled his body with bullets and tossed it out of the car. Ma always thought Karpis was "a great guy" after that.

INTRODUCE HIM TO GIRL

After the "heat was off" and St. Paul police had forgotten the matter, Ma thought Karpis should have a girl. The mob introduced him to Dolores Delaney in Harry Sawyer's saloon. Sawyer once was the underworld boss of St. Paul. He was accused as "the finger man" in the Bremer kidnaping, along with Cassius McDonald and Willie Weaver, Oklahoma slayer of a deputy sheriff, and parole violator.

Dolores was 16 years old and a member of the strange trio of Delaney girls, everyone of whom married a hoodlum and lived to regret it. Her sister, Babe, lived with Pat Reilly, now in prison for harboring Dillinger. Her sister, Jean, lived with Tommy Carroll, Dillinger gangster, as his wife, and was killed during the Dillinger roundup.

Karpis became luckier and luckier. Other mobsters were killed, but Karpis always survived. He had left Fred and Ma Barker at Oklawaha, Fla., to get to his own hideaway in Miami.

The result was the Barkers were killed and Karpis escaped.

The reason for Karpis' luck was his love for the Delaney girl. Gunman, killer, bank robber, everything that he is, Karpis loved this girl with strange adoration. He was jealous of her. He feared the attentions of the members of his own gang. He tried to keep her away from them. He always was moving away from the gang, moving apart from them, keeping Dolores to himself.

BEST LOOKING OF SISTERS

Dolores, the best looking among the sisters, became Karpis' sweetheart.

heart. She traveled as his wife, as Mrs. Green in Chicago, Cleveland and Sandusky; as Mrs. T. C. Blackburn in Miami.

Meantime, the gang had been plundering banks, gathering in loot of more than \$500,000, and killing at least five persons.

In Cleveland in September, 1934, the mob was hiding out. The Bremer kidnaping had made the gang the "hottest outfit in the United States." The girls went to a Cleveland saloon. Harry Campbell's girl was there, Fred Barker's and others, and Karpis' girl, Dolores. Karpis came and took her to their home.

A drunken party followed. The girls made a scene later, after Karpis left and they were arrested. The mobsters fled, leaving behind new furniture they had purchased to fit up their apartments. Their molls joined them later. Then they went to Florida.

Fugitives



ALVIN KARPIS
HARRY CAMPBELL

liked his looks. Karpis liked Ma, too. She shot straight and true with a machine gun and Karpis never met a woman like her, who clipped her words short like a machine gun.

Dolores was going to have a baby. Karpis got her a nurse in Miami and at the trial a Government witness testified McDonald "resembled a man" who was with Karpis Christmas day, drinking whisky with him at the Karpis hideout.

When the Barkers were killed, Karpis sent Dolores to Atlantic City, with Winona Burdette, Campbell's girl friend.

SHOOT THEIR WAY OUT

The women got there Sept. 19, 1935. Karpis and Campbell drove there the next day in a stolen car. Karpis bought new clothes on the boardwalk and cashed a \$1,000 bill.

Florida police wired the Atlanta chief of police giving the license number of the stolen car. They found it in a garage. They traced the gangsters to their hotel. At dawn, the morning of Jan. 21, they surrounded the hotel. A squad of detectives stood outside room 406 at the hotel. Karpis came out in his underwear. They had him.

"Don't you want my pa, too?" Karpis asked, with a gun in his ribs.

"Sure," a detective said. "I'll go in and get him. Don't worry. We surrender. You're too tough for us," Karpis said.

They let him go back in.

A moment later Karpis and Campbell ran out, still in their underwear with overcoats over it, sub-machine guns in their hands.

"Take it, coppers," Karpis shouted.

LEAVE WOMEN BEHIND

The police retreated. Machine-gun fire drove them down the back stairway. Karpis and Campbell made the alley. They went for their car, and drove away another police squad. The car wouldn't work. They stole another. They circled the hotel three times. Campbell with a machine gun, blasting away, Karpis driving.

Their women stood in the alley, in their bare feet, waiting; but their gangster sweethearts drove away. They never saw them again. Those women now are serving five-year sentences for harboring Karpis.

Karpis and Campbell kidnaped an Allentown, Pa., doctor; stole his car, booted him out. The car was found, the motor still running, near Monroe, Mich.

Since then, the special Bremer squad of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, of the United States Department of Justice, under Special Agent Connelley, never has given up the manhunt for Karpis.

The search goes on.

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GET LIFE IN KIDNAPING CASE.—What a headache has William Weaver (left), member of the Karpis-Barker gang who was convicted in St. Paul at the sec-

ond trial of Edward G. Bremer kidnapers. He was sentenced to life in a federal prison, probably Alcatraz. On the right, it was a

tearful farewell which Harry Sawyer received from his wife after he also was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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**Bremer Kidnaping Cost
 Passes \$500,000 Mark**

The kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer was a \$200,000 "snatch" but the cost of that crime to date has passed the \$500,000 mark.

This was revealed in St. Paul today as the United States government computed the costs of the recent trial at \$17,006.

This item, added to the \$20,000 cost of the earlier trial, and the other expenses in the two-year long pursuit of the Barker-Karpis mob was unofficially estimated as past the half million dollar mark.

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Edna Murray Is Sent Back To Prison; Other Molls To Be Returned

Edna Murray, whose testimony was an important factor in the conviction of three men in the Bremer kidnaping case last week, has been returned to Jefferson City, Mo. prison.

Mrs. Murray was one of the government's chief witnesses against Harry Sawyer, William Weaver and Cassius McDonald. She is serving a 27-year term.

Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette, gangland molls brought here from Milan, Mich., federal women's reformatory to testify on behalf of the government but were not called, will be returned this week.

Myrtle Eaton, under indictment in Florida on fugitive harboring charges, will be sent back next week.

Up to noon today attorneys for Sawyer and McDonald, had not filed appeals.

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Parade Of Misfortunes Comes To Once Powerful Barker Mob

Whatever Will Be, Will Be, Gang's Creed And Now Only Two Are Still At Large.

William Shakespeare's unidentified soothsayer who advised Julius Caesar to "beware the Ides of March" should have had a hookup with the Barker-Karpis kidnap mob.

He might have advised 'em to beware the middle of January, and thereby kept them from getting themselves all shot up and jailed.

But then, perhaps the Barker-Karpis gangsters wouldn't have paid any more attention to him than did the old Roman emperor, and the things that have happened to them because they didn't have a foreseeing soothsayer's advice would have happened anyway.

Gangsters have a way of thinking that inch vor beedee ul-la beedee ul-la.

It Makes Sense.

And in case you think that last paragraph was all balled up by the typesetter, be informed that it wasn't.

Inch vor beedee ul-la beedee ul-la is Syrian for "Whatever will be, will be"—and here's what already has been in connection with the Barker-Karpis mob's activities during the last couple of years, into which a moral may or may not be read, as you prefer:

Jan. 16, 1934, Wynona Burdette, "moll" of the fugitive Harry Campbell, cooked a chicken in her Grand ave. apartment in St. Paul so that Edward G. Bremer, president of the Commercial State bank, might have something good to eat the following day when he was on his way to what turned out to be three weeks of captivity in a gang hideout at Bensenville, Ill.

Jan. 17, 1934, Mr. Bremer was slugged and kidnaped, as he drove downtown after leaving his young daughter at her school.

Jan. 7, 1935, Russell (Slim) Gibson was slain and Byron Bolton captured in Chicago.

Jan. 8, 1935, Arthur (Doc) Barker was halted by sub machine gun-armed federal agents on a Chicago street and surrendered without an argument.

Jan. 16, 1935, Kate (Ma) Barker and her son Fred, Arthur's brother, decided to fight it out with G-men who located them at Oklawaha, Fla., and during a day-long battle were machine-gunned into whatever reward is theirs in the hereafter. Alvin Karpis and his "moll," Dolores Delaney, and Harry Campbell and his girl's friend, Wynona Burdette, escaped the trap.

Jan. 20, 1935, Karpis and Campbell fled behind a barrage of gunfire as police surrounded their newly-acquired apartment at Atlantic City, N. J., and left behind them the Delaney and Burdette women.

Jan. 6, 1936, Harry Sawyer, once St. Paul's underworld "big shot," William Weaver, mob machine gunner, and Cassius McDonald, Detroit contractor, confidently face the opening session of their trial on kidnaping conspiracy charges, in federal district court in St. Paul.

Jan. 24, smiles of confidence faded from the faces of the three defendants as a jury of 11 men and one woman found them guilty of kidnap conspiracy and as Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye sentenced Weaver and Sawyer to life. He withheld McDonald's sentence one week.

But while January has been a disastrous month for the Barker-Karpis mobsters, the federal government's small array of law enforcers has not been inactive during the rest of the year.

Nine Behind Bars.

In prison are Doc Barker, Volney Davis, Bruno Austin, Oliver Berg, Jess Doyle, Edna Murray, Elmer Farmer, Harold Alderton and Jimmy Wilson. Austin, Doyle and the Murray woman are in jail for other crimes, but their arrests were made in connection with the Bremer case.

In addition to Ma and Fred Barker, and Russell Gibson, three and four others of the gang are dead: John J. McLaughlin died in prison, Willie Harrison and Fred Goetz were slain by other mobsters, Dr. Joseph P. Moran has "disappeared"—possibly into a destroying bed of quicklime.

Two Still At Large.

A dozen lesser fry have been sentenced for harboring fugitives, and the search for the remaining two members of the original gang, Karpis and Campbell, goes on.

"Maybe we won't get 'em until next January," said a G-man today. "Maybe that's the way the cards read. But we'll get them."

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR SAWYER

Lists Ten Alleged 'Errors of
Law in Trial and of
Court'.

Notice of appeal in the case of Harry Sawyer, convicted of complicity in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, St. Paul banker, was filed with the clerk of United States District court Monday afternoon by Sawyer's attorneys.

The notice listed ten alleged errors and was signed by L. L. Drill, Robert V. Rensch and Eugene D. O'Sullivan, all members of the legal staff employed by Sawyer in his defense.

It was filed at 4:30 P. M., and lists alleged "errors of law occurring in the trial, and errors of the court in refusing to give certain written instructions requested by the appellant."

Sawyer was accused of being the finger man for the group that kidnaped the banker in January, 1934, and was sentenced to life imprisonment at the end of his trial Friday.

Convicted at the same time were Cassius McDonald, Detroit sportsman and engineer, accused of passing part of the ransom money, and William Weaver, sentenced to life for taking part in the actual kidnaping.

McDonald's sentence was deferred until February 1.

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SAWYER TO APPEAL KIDNAP CONVICTION

Notice Also Will Be Filed for
McDonald Today, Drill
Says.

Notices of appeal in the cases of Harry Sawyer and Cassius McDonald, convicted Friday of conspiracy in the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping case, will be filed in Federal court here today, it was announced Sunday night.

Notice in the Sawyer case will be filed by his attorney, L. L. Drill, the latter said. Everett Jennings of Chicago, who defended McDonald, left St. Paul Saturday, but Drill said he would file the papers in that case also, if Jennings did not return today.

Sawyer, former St. Paul bootlegger, was sentenced to life imprisonment. Sentencing of McDonald was deferred until February 1.

A third defendant, William Weaver, was sentenced to life imprisonment also, but his case is not expected to be appealed.

The papers to be filed today merely will be notices that appeals will be taken, Drill said, and no allegations will be made until later.

Under rules recently adopted for Federal courts, notices of appeals must be filed within five days after the cases are finished. Attorneys have 30 days after that in which to compile assignments of errors and file them with the court.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

SULZMANN BACKER CRIES DOWN RAIDS

Sheriff's Boosters Are Told
Smash at Gambling
Clubs Was 'Plot.'

County Prosecutor Frank T. Cullitan's recent raid on the Harvard and Thomas Clubs was described last night as a plot "cooked up" by an assistant county prosecutor to embarrass Sheriff John M. Sulzmann's campaign for Congress in the Twentieth District and to benefit Congressman Martin L. Sweeney. This characterization was given by John Foley, Democratic leader in the Eighth Ward, at a meeting of Democratic ward leaders of the

Twentieth District at Hotel Hollen.

Foley said the prosecutor's staff went to the Harvard Club "in a sneaky way and then, when they couldn't get any place, had the nerve to call on the sheriff."

The ward leaders voted to indorse Sulzmann for Congress and to call a meeting next week of the 277 precinct committeemen in the district to submit Sulzmann's candidacy to them.

Sulzmann, who is recuperating from influenza, was not present. Chief Deputy Sheriff Fred C. Alber presided.

A letter to the sheriff from W. B. Gongwer, Democratic county leader, was read, dispelling rumors that Gongwer would sidetrack Sulzmann and support someone else for Congress. The letter, dated Jan. 25, read:

"I certainly wish you well in your candidacy for Congress. In my opinion, every loyal Democrat in the district ought to support you wholeheartedly and enthusiastically.

"I have known many Democrats in public office. I have never known any Democrat whose loyalty to the organization is greater than yours. I call your attention especially to the fact that in all your public career never has there been a single word against your integrity. You have my best wishes for success."

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BETTER POLICING

AN ordinance designed to strengthen the police in their war on crime was adopted by the mayor and councilmen Wednesday.

It requires compulsory registration of anyone convicted of a felony within the last 10 years and provides for jail and fines in the event of violation.

Now it is obvious that criminals are not going to flock to the police station to register and that is not expected. The principal purpose is to give the police some legal grounds for detaining for investigation dangerous characters rounded up periodically in cleanups.

There have been a number of times when such thugs and gunmen were arrested only to be released before any thorough investigation could be made. A notorious case was that of William Weaver, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment the other day for his part in the Bremer kidnaping.

The ordinance, of course, can be abused but so far whatever leniency or "breaks" there have been seem to have been given the criminal element. At any rate St. Paul gave them safe refuge and in the old days of policing even maintained a system of informal registration—at some profit to the registrars.

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Sawyer, Weaver Leave Saturday For Prison
 Harry Sawyer and William Weaver, sentenced to life imprisonment last week for their part in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer, will be removed from Ramsey county jail for the federal prison at Leavenworth, Saturday.
 Cassius McDonald, convicted at the same time, will be sentenced Saturday by Federal Judge Gunnar H. Nordbye.
 Sawyer and McDonald have filed notice of appeal. The former along with Weaver, was granted a week's stay of execution of sentence and this stay expires Friday.



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